



# HOUSE BILL No. 6013

September 27, 2000, Introduced by Reps. Shackleton, Woronchak, Kowall, Tabor, Sheltrown and Richardville and referred to the Committee on Great Lakes and Tourism.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled  
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"  
(MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding part 360.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

PART 360

ADOPT-A-FOREST PROGRAM

SEC. 36001. AS USED IN THIS PART:

(A) "PARTICIPANT" MEANS A VOLUNTEER GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATING IN THE ADOPT-A-FOREST PROGRAM.

(B) "WASTES" INCLUDES SOLID WASTE AS DEFINED IN PART 115, HAZARDOUS WASTE AS DEFINED IN PART 111, AND OTHER RECYCLABLE MATERIALS.

SEC. 36002. (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER A PROGRAM ENTITLED THE ADOPT-A-FOREST PROGRAM, WHICH SHALL BE DESIGNED TO REMOVE ILLEGALLY DUMPED WASTE FROM PUBLIC FORESTLANDS. THE

1 PROGRAM SHALL INCLUDE PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL ACTIVITIES, BUT SHALL  
2 BE DIRECTED PRIMARILY TOWARD ENCOURAGING AND RETAINING THE PAR-  
3 TICIPATION OF VOLUNTEERS IN CLEANING UP PUBLIC FORESTLANDS IN THE  
4 STATE.

5 (2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH PARTICI-  
6 PANTS TO IMPLEMENT THE ADOPT-A-FOREST PROGRAM. AN AGREEMENT  
7 SHALL BE FOR A 3-YEAR PERIOD, AFTER WHICH A NEW AGREEMENT MAY BE  
8 ENTERED INTO. THE PROVISIONS IN AGREEMENTS WITH PARTICIPANTS  
9 SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO, BOTH OF THE  
10 FOLLOWING:

11 (A) IDENTIFICATION OF A PARCEL OF PUBLIC FORESTLAND. A PAR-  
12 TICIPANT MAY REQUEST A SPECIFIC PARCEL OF FORESTLAND IT WISHES TO  
13 ADOPT. IN ASSISTING PARTICIPANTS IN SELECTING A PARCEL OF FOR-  
14 ESTLAND, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COOPERATE WITH AFFECTED FEDERAL,  
15 STATE, AND LOCAL MANAGEMENT AGENCIES, AND NONPROFIT  
16 ORGANIZATIONS.

17 (B) SPECIFICATION OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE  
18 PARTICIPANT. THESE RESPONSIBILITIES SHALL INCLUDE BOTH OF THE  
19 FOLLOWING:

20 (i) THE REMOVAL OF WASTES FROM THE DESIGNATED PARCEL AT  
21 LEAST ONCE PER YEAR. THE PARTICIPANT SHALL COOPERATE WITH THE  
22 DEPARTMENT TO PROMOTE RECYCLING OR PROPER DISPOSAL OF RECOVERED  
23 RECYCLABLE MATERIALS, SCRAP TIRES, AND HAZARDOUS WASTE.

24 (ii) THE PARTICIPANT'S AGREEMENT TO ABIDE BY ALL RULES  
25 RELATED TO THE PROGRAM THAT ARE PROMULGATED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

1        SEC. 36003.    IN IMPLEMENTING THIS PART AND THE  
2 ADOPT-A-FOREST PROGRAM, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DO ALL OF THE  
3 FOLLOWING:

4        (A) CREATE A RECOGNITION PROGRAM THAT ACKNOWLEDGES THE  
5 EFFORTS OF PARTICIPANTS.

6        (B) PROVIDE SAFETY INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE TO  
7 PARTICIPANTS.

8        (C) PROVIDE PARTICIPANTS WITH NATURAL RESOURCE INFORMATION  
9 AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS.

10       (D) ASSIST IN COORDINATING CLEANUPS AND IDENTIFYING LOCA-  
11 TIONS OF WASTES ON PUBLIC FORESTLANDS FOR RECOVERY BY  
12 PARTICIPANTS.

13       SEC. 36004.    (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE PARTICIPANTS  
14 WITH DATA COLLECTION SHEETS AND SHALL REQUIRE THAT THESE SHEETS  
15 BE RETURNED TO THE DEPARTMENT UPON COMPLETION OF ANY CLEANUP,  
16 ALONG WITH ANY RECEIPTS FROM WASTE DISPOSAL FEES PAID BY THE  
17 PARTICIPANT.    THE DEPARTMENT MAY PROVIDE UP TO 100% OF PREAP-  
18 PROVED WASTE DISPOSAL FEES UPON REQUEST BY A PARTICIPANT IN ANY  
19 FISCAL YEAR AS LONG AS FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE AND THE PARTICIPANT  
20 PROVIDES IN-KIND SERVICES EQUALING OR EXCEEDING 25% OF THE AMOUNT  
21 OF THE FEES.

22       (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COMPILE INFORMATION GATHERED FROM  
23 THE DATA SHEETS UNDER SUBSECTION (1) FOR INCLUSION IN THE ANNUAL  
24 REPORT PREPARED UNDER SECTION 36006.

25       (3) ANY MONEY RECEIVED BY A PARTICIPANT FROM THE SALE OF  
26 RECYCLABLE MATERIALS SHALL BE SENT TO THE DEPARTMENT, WHICH SHALL

1 FORWARD THE MONEY TO THE STATE TREASURER FOR DEPOSIT INTO THE  
2 GENERAL FUND.

3 SEC. 36005. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN  
4 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE LEGISLATURE THAT  
5 PRIMARILY CONSIDER ISSUES PERTAINING TO THE PROTECTION OF NATURAL  
6 RESOURCES AND THE ENVIRONMENT AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE APPRO-  
7 PRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEES ON NATURAL RESOURCES. THIS ANNUAL REPORT  
8 SHALL INCLUDE THE NUMBER OF ACRES FROM WHICH WASTES WERE REMOVED,  
9 THE NUMBER OF TONS OF WASTES REMOVED, AND THE AMOUNT OF WASTES  
10 THAT WERE RECYCLED.

11 SEC. 36006. THE DEPARTMENT MAY PROMULGATE RULES TO IMPLE-  
12 MENT THIS PART.