

HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 1280

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled  
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"  
by amending section 74101 (MCL 324.74101), as added by 1995 PA  
58, and by adding section 74102a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 74101. As used in this part:

2       **(a) "Committee" means the citizens committee for Michigan**  
3 **state parks created in section 74102a.**

4       **(b) —(a)—** "Fund" means the state park improvement fund  
5 created in section 74108.

6       **(c) —(b)—** "Improvement program" means the construction,  
7 reconstruction, development, improvement, bettering, operating,  
8 maintaining, and extending a facility at a state park, including  
9 a site improvement, impoundment, road and parking lot, toilet  
10 building, concession building, shelter building, bathhouse,

1 utility, outdoor center, visitor service facility, ski area, ski  
2 tow, ski shelter, and administration unit.

3       (d) ~~—(e)—~~ "Motor vehicle" means a vehicle that is  
4 self-propelled.

5       (e) ~~—(d)—~~ "State park" means a state park or state recreation  
6 area designated by the director.

7       (f) ~~—(e)—~~ "State park revenues" means all revenues collected  
8 for state parks, including but not limited to, motor vehicle  
9 permits, concession fees, nonmotorized trail permits, fees,  
10 leases, camping fees, sale of farm animals from Maybury state  
11 park, donations, and gifts.

12       Sec. 74102a. (1) The citizens committee for Michigan state  
13 parks is created within the department.

14       (2) The committee shall consist of 17 individuals appointed  
15 by the director with the advice of the commission.

16       (3) The members first appointed to the committee shall be  
17 appointed within 60 days after the effective date of the  
18 amendatory act that added this section.

19       (4) Members of the committee shall serve for terms of 4 years  
20 or until a successor is appointed, whichever is later, except  
21 that of the members first appointed 6 shall serve for 4 years, 6  
22 shall serve for 3 years, and 5 shall serve for 2 years.

23       (5) If a vacancy occurs on the committee, the director shall  
24 make an appointment for the unexpired term in the same manner as  
25 the original appointment.

26       (6) The committee may remove a member of the committee for  
27 incompetency, dereliction of duty, malfeasance, misfeasance, or

1 nonfeasance in office, or any other good cause upon a majority  
2 vote of the members. An individual shall be removed from the  
3 committee if he or she does not attend 4 consecutive meetings of  
4 the committee.

5 (7) The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the  
6 director. At the first meeting, the committee shall elect from  
7 among its members a chairperson and other officers as it  
8 considers necessary or appropriate. After the first meeting, the  
9 committee shall meet at least twice each year, or more frequently  
10 at the call of the chairperson or if requested by 9 or more  
11 members.

12 (8) Nine members of the committee constitute a quorum for the  
13 transaction of business at a meeting of the committee. A  
14 majority of the members present and serving are required for  
15 official action of the committee.

16 (9) The business that the committee may perform shall be  
17 conducted at a public meeting of the committee held in compliance  
18 with the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275.

19 (10) A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of,  
20 or retained by the committee in the performance of an official  
21 function is subject to the freedom of information act, 1976 PA  
22 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.

23 (11) Members of the committee shall serve without  
24 compensation. However, members of the committee may be  
25 reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in  
26 the performance of their official duties as members of the  
27 committee.

(12) The committee shall do all of the following:

(a) Advise and make recommendations to the governor, the commission, and the legislature on state parks policy and provide guidance on state parks development, management, and planning issues.

(b) Seek the development of a broad variety of programs, facilities, and services for our citizens utilizing the state parks.

(c) Inform and educate the public about the importance of and need for state parks.

(d) Strive to involve citizens in the planning and development of state parks and to ensure that the facilities, programs, and projects are barrier-free and accessible to all citizens.

(e) Establish and maintain effective public relations regarding state parks, utilizing all appropriate communications media.

(f) Advise on financial planning and pursue adequate budget support for state parks.

(g) Serve as a liaison and coordinate with other agencies to ensure a cooperative effort to provide the most effective and economical services possible at state parks.

(h) Evaluate the state parks programs, facilities, services, and relationships periodically to assure that the committee's goals and objectives are being achieved.

(i) Advise and make recommendations to the department on the gem of the parks award, the state parks volunteer of the year

1 award, and the state parks employee of the year award established  
2 under section 74124.

3       (13) The chairperson of the committee shall ensure that all  
4 proposed policy positions of the committee are sent to the  
5 committee members at least 1 week in advance of the meeting at  
6 which the policy position will be acted upon. The committee may  
7 adopt an emergency resolution that has not been sent to committee  
8 members at least 1 week prior to a meeting of the committee, but  
9 only upon the approval of 3/4 of those present at the meeting.