

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 1281**

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"
(MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 74124.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 74124. (1) The department shall create a "gem of the
2 parks" award to recognize key state parks for their contribution
3 to the state parks system, a "volunteer of the year" award to
4 recognize outstanding individuals who donate time or monetary
5 contributions to the state park system, and an "employee of the
6 year" award to recognize individuals who are outstanding
7 employees of the state park system. The department shall develop
8 a program to facilitate the determination and presentation of
9 these awards. The awards shall be made on a yearly basis.

10 (2) The department shall develop a set of standards to use in
11 determining the recipients of the awards under subsection (1)

1 with consideration given to the following:

2 (a) The contribution of the state park, the volunteer, or the
3 employee to the preservation of the state's natural resources.

4 (b) The amount of any monetary donation.

5 (c) The length of time donated or the years of employment.

6 (d) The length of a long-term commitment to the preservation
7 of the environment.

8 (3) The department annually shall submit the names of the
9 award recipients under subsection (1) to the standing committees
10 in the senate and house of representatives responsible for
11 natural resources matters.