

SUBSTITUTE FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 1023

(As amended, May 6, 2004)

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"
(MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 52511; and to repeal acts
and parts of acts.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 52511. (1) Not later than December 31, 2006, the
2 department shall establish 4 forest pilot project areas. The
3 forest pilot project areas shall be designed to demonstrate cost
4 savings techniques and improved efficiency in forest treatment
5 techniques while improving the overall health of the forest. The
6 department shall establish forest pilot project areas on
7 scientific silvicultural specifications such as residual basal
8 areas and diameter class specifications. Forest pilot project
9 areas shall meet all of the following requirements:

10 (a) Each forest pilot project area shall include between 200
11 and 640 acres.

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1 (b) Two of the forest pilot project areas shall be located in
2 the Lower Peninsula and 2 shall be located in the Upper
3 Peninsula.

4 (c) At least 1 forest pilot project area shall be composed
5 primarily of hardwoods.

6 (d) At least 1 forest pilot project area shall be composed
7 primarily of softwoods.

8 (2) Upon establishing the 4 forest pilot project areas under
9 subsection (1), the department shall solicit contract bids for
10 the management of each forest pilot project area. The department
11 shall enter into a 5-year contract for each forest pilot project
12 area covering all of the following forest management activities:

13 (a) Marking of timber.

14 (b) Harvesting of timber.

15 (c) Reforesting of timber cutover areas.

16 (3) A contract entered into under subsection (2) shall
17 include performance measures as required by the department to
18 ensure compliance with this section. The contract shall also
19 require the contractor to report to the department prior to the
20 termination of the contract on the cost savings techniques and
21 forest treatment techniques employed and the success of these
22 techniques.

23 (4) Activities conducted within forest pilot project areas
24 shall comply with this part.

<<Enacting section 1. Section 52511 of the natural resources and
environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.52511, is repealed 5
years after its effective date.>>

25 Enacting section <<2>>. This amendatory act does not take
26 effect unless all of the following bills of the 92nd Legislature
27 are enacted into law:

- 1 (a) Senate Bill No. 1024.
- 2 (b) House Bill No. 5554.