

# HOUSE BILL No. 4923

July 2, 2003, Introduced by Reps. Palsrok, Tabor, Rivet and Stahl and referred to the Committee on Conservation and Outdoor Recreation.

A bill to amend 1984 PA 22, entitled  
"Michigan civilian conservation corps act,"  
by amending the title and sections 2, 3, 5, and 11 (MCL 409.302,  
409.303, 409.305, and 409.311), the title and sections 2 and 3 as  
amended by 1994 PA 394; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

### TITLE

An act to establish the Michigan civilian conservation  
corps; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state  
officers, agencies, and departments; ~~to create and provide for~~  
~~the use of an endowment fund;~~ and to provide for an  
appropriation.

Sec. 2. As used in this act:

(a) "Chief" means the chief administrator of the Michigan  
civilian conservation corps appointed pursuant to section 4.

1 (b) "Commission" means the ~~Michigan jobs commission~~  
 2 **department of career development** or its successor agency.

3 (c) "Corps" means the Michigan civilian conservation corps.

4 (d) "Corpsmember" means a participant in the corps.

5 (e) "Department" means the department of natural resources.

6 ~~(f) "Endowment fund" means the Michigan civilian~~  
 7 ~~conservation corps endowment fund created in section 12a.~~

8 **(f)** ~~(g)~~ "Minority" means a person who is black, hispanic,  
 9 oriental, eskimo, or an American Indian who is not less than 1/4  
 10 quantum Indian blood as certified by the person's tribal  
 11 association and verified by the Indian affairs commission.

12 **(g)** ~~(h)~~ "Recipient" means a city, village, county,  
 13 township, school district, or intermediate school district of  
 14 this state.

15 **(h)** ~~(i)~~ "Resident" means an individual who has in this  
 16 state the individual's true, fixed, and permanent home and  
 17 principal establishment to which the individual intends to return  
 18 whenever absent. An individual is a resident until the  
 19 individual establishes a permanent establishment outside this  
 20 state.

21 Sec. 3. (1) The Michigan civilian conservation corps is  
 22 established jointly within the department and the commission for  
 23 the purpose of ~~conserving, improving, and developing this~~  
 24 ~~state's natural resources, and for enhancing, preserving, and~~  
 25 ~~maintaining public lands and waters~~ **conducting activities or**  
 26 **making improvements to enhance publicly owned fish or wildlife**  
 27 **habitat** through the employment of residents of this state in work

1 training programs. The department may administer on a  
 2 contractual basis a grant program that dispenses funds to  
 3 recipients.

4 (2) The work training programs required by this section and  
 5 section 5 shall provide work experience for certain residents of  
 6 this state that will increase their likelihood of obtaining  
 7 future employment.

8 Sec. 5. (1) Work training programs conducted under this act  
 9 shall provide corpsmembers with work experience **conducting**  
 10 **activities or making improvements to enhance publicly owned fish**  
 11 **or wildlife habitat.** ~~related to the conservation, improvement,~~  
 12 ~~or development of natural resources and the enhancement,~~  
 13 ~~preservation, and maintenance of public lands and waters. Work~~  
 14 ~~experience may include, but is not limited to, all of the~~  
 15 ~~following:~~

- 16 ~~—— (a) Planting, pruning, and cutting of trees.~~
- 17 ~~—— (b) Development of lakes, ponds, and waterways to be used as~~
- 18 ~~hunting and fishing sites and for other recreational purposes.~~
- 19 ~~—— (c) Wildlife habitat development.~~
- 20 ~~—— (d) Urban parks and recreational site development.~~
- 21 ~~—— (e) Trail development.~~
- 22 ~~—— (f) Flood and drainage control programs, such as the cleaning~~
- 23 ~~and repair of ditches and streams.~~
- 24 ~~—— (g) Prevention of shore and soil erosion.~~
- 25 ~~—— (h) Highway and community beautification.~~
- 26 ~~—— (i) Litter removal.~~
- 27 ~~—— (j) Assistance in fire prevention and suppression.~~

1 ~~—— (k) Assistance in times and places of natural disasters.~~

2 ~~—— (l) Reclamation of strip-mined land.~~

3 ~~—— (m) Insect and pest control.~~

4 (2) Work training programs shall be undertaken in both urban  
5 and rural areas and shall be selected on the basis of the  
6 ~~environmental and natural resource~~ **fish or wildlife habitat**  
7 benefits each offers, the opportunities for public use each  
8 offers, and the on the job training value of each.

9 (3) Work experience shall not include work on any project for  
10 removal or cleaning up of any toxic waste or other hazardous  
11 substance.

12 Sec. 11. (1) The corps shall assist corpsmembers in  
13 obtaining employment after their participation in a corps  
14 program.

15 (2) The corps shall ensure that ~~conservation~~ programs  
16 established under this act do not displace currently employed  
17 workers or impair existing contracts for service provided by  
18 other workers, and that no corpsmember is used in any manner in  
19 connection with a work or labor dispute.

20 Enacting section 1. Section 12a of the Michigan civilian  
21 conservation corps act, 1984 PA 22, MCL 409.312a, is repealed.

22 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take  
23 effect unless Senate Joint Resolution \_\_\_\_\_ or House Joint  
24 Resolution J (request no. 03106'03) of the 92nd Legislature  
25 becomes a part of the state constitution of 1963 as provided in  
26 section 1 of article XII of the state constitution of 1963.