

SENATE BILL No. 858

December 2, 2003, Introduced by Senator GILBERT and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 74104 (MCL 324.74104), as added by 1995 PA 58.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 74104. (1) The department shall establish an
2 "adopt-a-park" program that will allow volunteer groups to assist
3 state park staff in maintaining and enhancing state parks.

4 (2) Subject to subsection (3), volunteer groups in the
5 adopt-a-park program may adopt any available state park and may
6 choose any 1 or more of the following volunteer activities:

- 7 (a) Spring cleanups.
- 8 (b) Environmental activities.
- 9 (c) Accessibility projects.
- 10 (d) Special events.

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1 (e) Park maintenance and development.

2 (f) Public information and assistance.

3 (g) Training.

4 (3) The department shall designate the activities to be
5 performed by a volunteer group in the adopt-a-park program. The
6 department may provide for more than 1 volunteer group to adopt a
7 state park.

8 (4) A volunteer group that wishes to participate in the
9 adopt-a-park program shall submit an application to the
10 department on a form provided by the department. Additionally,
11 volunteer groups shall agree to the following:

12 (a) Volunteer groups shall participate in the program for at
13 least a 2-year period.

14 (b) Volunteer groups shall consist of at least 6 people who
15 are 18 years of age or older, unless the volunteer group is a
16 school or scout organization, in which case the volunteers may be
17 under 18 years of age.

18 (c) Volunteer groups shall give a total of 400 hours over a
19 2-year period.

20 (d) Volunteer groups shall comply with other reasonable
21 requirements of the department.

22 (5) A state park manager may issue to volunteers who are
23 actively working on adopt-a-park projects that last more than 1
24 day free camping permits if campsites are available. A state
25 park manager may waive state park entry fees for volunteers
26 entering state parks to work on adopt-a-park projects.

27 (6) The department shall design and erect near the state park

1 headquarters of each state park in the adopt-a-park program an
2 adopt-a-park program sign with the name of the volunteer group's
3 sponsoring organization listed for each volunteer group that has
4 contributed at least 100 service hours by volunteers.

5 (7) The department shall provide a volunteer group conducting
6 litter cleanup efforts under the adopt-a-park program with data
7 information sheets and shall request that the volunteer group
8 record on the data information sheets a general characterization
9 of the types and amount of trash collected during the group's
10 cleanup effort. The department shall request the group to
11 forward the data information sheets to travel Michigan on
12 completion.

13 (8) Travel Michigan shall compile information obtained from
14 data information sheets received under subsection (7) and shall
15 use this information in developing and administering the
16 antilitter marketing program under section 8913.

17 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
18 unless all of the following bills of the 92nd Legislature are
19 enacted into law:

20 (a) Senate Bill No. 721.

21 (b) Senate Bill No. 856.

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