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**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
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Introduced by Senators Patterson, Bernero, Garcia, Sanborn and Jelinek

# **ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 759**

AN ACT to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "An act to protect the environment and natural resources of the state; to codify, revise, consolidate, and classify laws relating to the environment and natural resources of the state; to regulate the discharge of certain substances into the environment; to regulate the use of certain lands, waters, and other natural resources of the state; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for certain charges, fees, and assessments; to provide certain appropriations; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; to repeal certain parts of this act on a specific date; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts," by amending section 80140 (MCL 324.80140), as added by 1995 PA 58.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

Sec. 80140. (1) In order to protect the public interest in the prudent and equitable use of the waters of this state and to enhance the enjoyment of pleasure boating and other recreational water sports on the waters of the state, the department shall establish and pursue comprehensive educational programs designed to advance boating and general water safety.

(2) The department shall put into effect a program to train youthful boat operators and shall issue a boating safety certificate to those who satisfactorily complete the program. For the purpose of giving the courses of instruction and awarding boating safety certificates, the department may designate as its agent any person it considers qualified to act in this capacity. A charge shall not be made for any instruction given or for the award of boating safety certificates.

(3) The department shall include in its educational programs under this section all of the following:

- (a) Information on proper marine fueling techniques.
- (b) Information on the problems that marine fuel spillage may cause to water bodies.
- (c) Information on how and where to report a marine fuel spill.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

*Carol Morey Viventi*

Secretary of the Senate

*Ray E. Randall*

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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Governor