

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 5453

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"
by amending section 52504 (MCL 324.52504), as added by 2004 PA 125.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 52504. (1) ~~After the plan is adopted under section~~
2 ~~52503, the~~ **THE** department shall harvest timber from the state
3 forest and other state owned lands owned or controlled by the
4 department in compliance with the plan and any plan updates.

5 (2) **THE DEPARTMENT SHALL EVALUATE AT LEAST 10% OF THE STATE**
6 **FOREST EACH YEAR FOR THE PURPOSE OF IDENTIFYING TIMBER THAT MEETS**
7 **SILVICULTURAL CRITERIA THAT ARE DESIGNED TO MAXIMIZE FOREST HEALTH**

1 AND FOREST ECONOMICS.

2 (3) WITHIN 18 MONTHS AFTER THE DEPARTMENT HAS CONDUCTED AN
3 EVALUATION UNDER SUBSECTION (1), THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PUT ALL
4 ACREAGE PRESCRIBED FOR HARVEST UP FOR TIMBER SALE EXCEPT AS
5 FOLLOWS:

6 (A) ACREAGE RESTRICTED FROM HARVEST UNDER STATE OR FEDERAL
7 LAW.

8 (B) ACREAGE RESTRICTED FROM HARVEST AS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN
9 CERTIFICATION WITH SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY STANDARDS UNDER SECTION
10 52505.

11 (4) ACREAGE SHALL NOT BE RESTRICTED FROM HARVEST UNDER
12 SUBSECTION (3) (B) IF THE DEPARTMENT CAN MAINTAIN CERTIFICATION WITH
13 SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY STANDARDS UNDER SECTION 52505 BY REQUIRING
14 SPECIFIC TECHNIQUES, EQUIPMENT, OR TRAINING FOR THE HARVEST.

15 (5) IN PUTTING TIMBER UP FOR SALE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ASSURE
16 THAT HARVESTING OF TIMBER FROM THE STATE FOREST IS CONDUCTED IN A
17 MANNER SO AS TO MAINTAIN CERTIFICATION WITH SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY
18 STANDARDS UNDER SECTION 52505. ALL TIMBER HARVESTS FROM THE STATE
19 FOREST SHALL BE PERFORMED BY LOGGERS WHO, AT A MINIMUM, HAVE
20 COMPLETED A SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY EDUCATION PROGRAM APPROVED BY
21 MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION.

22 (6) ~~—(2)—~~ Unless otherwise dedicated by law, proceeds from the
23 sale of timber from the state forest and other state owned lands
24 owned or controlled by the department shall be forwarded to the
25 state treasurer for deposit into the forest development fund
26 established pursuant to section 50507.