

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 5607

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled  
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"  
(MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 80114a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1           SEC. 80114A. (1) A MARINE LAW THAT PROHIBITS THE OPERATION OF  
2 A MOTORIZED VESSEL ON A PORTION OF THE WATERWAYS OF THIS STATE  
3 SHALL NOT BE ENFORCED AGAINST AN INDIVIDUAL WHO MEETS ALL OF THE  
4 FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS:

5           (A) THE INDIVIDUAL HAS A DISABILITY THAT PREVENTS HIM OR HER  
6 FROM ROWING OR PADDLING A VESSEL.

7           (B) THE INDIVIDUAL HAS IN HIS OR HER POSSESSION A MARINE  
8 EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE.

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1           <<(C) THE INDIVIDUAL IS OPERATING A NONCOMMERCIAL VESSEL AT  
2 SLOW--NO WAKE SPEED USING AN ELECTRIC MOTOR THAT IS RATED AT 100 POUNDS  
3 OF THRUST OR LESS.>>

4           (2) THIS SECTION DOES NOT EXEMPT AN INDIVIDUAL FROM COMPLIANCE  
5 WITH ANY OTHER MARINE LAW.

6           (3) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY OBTAIN A MARINE EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE  
7 FROM EITHER THE DEPARTMENT OR A SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BY PRESENTING  
8 A PHYSICIAN'S ATTESTATION THAT THE PHYSICIAN HAS EXAMINED THE  
9 INDIVIDUAL AND DETERMINED THAT THE INDIVIDUAL HAS A DISABILITY THAT  
10 PREVENTS HIM OR HER FROM ROWING OR PADDLING A VESSEL.

11           (4) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AND MAKE AVAILABLE FOR USE AS  
12 PRESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION A PHYSICIAN'S ATTESTATION FORM AND A  
MARINE EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE.