

# SENATE BILL No. 525

April 30, 2009, Introduced by Senators BROWN, ALLEN, BIRKHOLZ, KUIPERS and JELINEK and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Tourism.

A bill to amend 1955 PA 10, entitled  
"Michigan historical markers act,"  
by amending sections 2 and 6 (MCL 399.152 and 399.156), section 2  
as amended and section 6 as added by 2002 PA 488.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 2. As used in this act:

2       (a) "Application" means applying for the placement of an  
3       official Michigan historical marker at the location of a historic  
4       resource or site and for the resource's or site's listing in the  
5       state register of historic sites.

6       (b) "Center" means the Michigan historical center established  
7       in the department.

8       (c) "Commission" means the Michigan historical commission

1 created in section 1 of 1913 PA 271, MCL 399.1.

2 (d) "Department" means the department of ~~history, arts, and~~  
3 ~~libraries created in section 3 of the history, arts, and libraries~~  
4 ~~act, 2001 PA 63, MCL 399.703~~ **STATE.**

5 (e) "Historic resource" means a publicly or privately owned  
6 building, structure, site, object, or open space of historic  
7 significance to Michigan.

8 (f) "Historic significance" means value in relation to  
9 historical, architectural, archaeological, engineering, or cultural  
10 disciplines.

11 (g) "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation,  
12 association, or other private legal entity.

13 (h) "Work" means construction, addition, alteration, repair,  
14 moving, excavation, or demolition.

15 Sec. 6. (1) Upon receipt of an application and proposed marker  
16 text from the center, the commission shall review, modify if  
17 necessary, and approve the text, and review and approve the  
18 location for each requested historical marker. The commission shall  
19 exercise its judgment and discretion in revising and approving  
20 proposed marker text and may advise the department on matters  
21 pertaining to applications and related decisions. The department  
22 shall issue an official site number for each historic resource or  
23 site designated for placement of an official Michigan historical  
24 marker.

25 (2) An official Michigan historical marker shall not include  
26 or mention the name of a living commissioner or any other living  
27 state official.

1           (3) An official Michigan historical marker shall include the  
2 words "Michigan historical center, department of ~~history, arts, and~~  
3 ~~libraries~~"-**STATE**". The department may retrofit a marker that does  
4 not include these words.

5           (4) An official Michigan historical marker shall have a logo  
6 or seal with a wolverine emblem in its upper area or crest and  
7 include the words "registered Michigan historic site".

8           (5) The department may enter into a written agreement with  
9 another state, local, or federal agency regarding the placement of  
10 an official Michigan historical marker on property under the  
11 jurisdiction of the agency. The agreement may address security,  
12 payment for the marker, and other appropriate matters.

13           Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect  
14 unless Senate Bill No. 503

15                   of the 95th Legislature is enacted into law.