SUBSTITUTE FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 1488

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 32607 (MCL 324.32607), as amended by 2004 PA 546.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 32607. (1) The department shall not authorize the same
- 2 bottomland log removal area in more than 1 submerged log removal
- 3 permit at any 1 time.
- 4 (2) The department may modify the boundaries of a proposed
- 5 bottomland log removal area in a submerged log removal permit to
- 6 avoid overlaps with other active submerged log removal permits or
- 7 adverse impacts, including, but not limited to, impacts to the
- 8 environment, natural resources, riparian rights, and the public
- 9 trust.

- 1 (3) A submerged log removal plan approved by the department
- 2 shall be included in each submerged log removal permit.
- 3 (4) A submerged log removal permit shall contain terms and
- 4 conditions that are determined by the department to protect the
- 5 environment, natural resources, riparian rights, and the public
- 6 trust.
- 7 (5) Each submerged log removal permit shall expire on January
- 8 1, 2013 UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE REQUIRED PERMIT ISSUED BY THE
- 9 UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, BUT NOT LATER THAN JANUARY
- 10 1, 2023. An applicant shall notify the department of the date on
- 11 which the federal government_UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
- 12 issued its approval for the submerged log removal permit.
- 13 Processing fees received under this subsection shall be forwarded
- 14 to the state treasurer for deposit into the fund.
- 15 (6) A submerged log removal permit issued under this section
- 16 is not transferrable unless approved in writing by the department.
- 17 (7) An applicant for a submerged log removal permit shall
- 18 provide a performance bond acceptable to the department in the
- 19 amount of \$100,000.00. The performance bond shall be provided to
- 20 the department at least 10 days prior to beginning submerged log
- 21 removal in a bottomland log removal area. The performance bond
- 22 shall ensure compliance with the submerged log removal permit for
- 23 the period of the permit or until the authorized submerged log
- 24 removal is completed to the satisfaction of the department and all
- 25 payments under section 32609 have been made. The department shall
- 26 issue a written statement releasing the permittee and bonding
- 27 company upon termination of the submerged log removal permit and

- 1 upon satisfaction of the department as to the compliance of the
- 2 permittee with the terms and conditions of the permit. The
- 3 department may draw upon the performance bond for delinquent
- 4 payments as required in section 32609.
- 5 (8) A permittee may request, in writing, and the department
- 6 may grant, termination of a submerged log removal permit prior to
- 7 the expiration date, including release from quarterly reports and
- 8 performance bond requirements.