

SENATE BILL No. 1318

May 6, 2010, Introduced by Senator BARCIA and referred to the Committee on Local, Urban and State Affairs.

A bill to adopt an official state poem.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. "Land of the Wolverine", by E. J. McGuire, is adopted
2 as the official poem of this state:

3 LAND OF THE WOLVERINE

4 While traveling rustic roadways
5 through the valleys and forests green,

6 We observe the stately magnificence
7 in the land of the Wolverine.

8 From the colossal land of the Hartwicks

9 to the abodes of the Iroquois,

10 To the sparkling, roaring waters

11 flowing over the Tahquamenon,

12 From the Great Lakes sandy beaches

1 to the Porcupines deepest draw,
2 To the vastness of its forests
3 to the land of the Chippewa.
4 Where the Algonquin once had hunted,
5 where the hart has chased the roe,
6 Where the eagle soared in silence,
7 where the balmy breezes blow;
8 Where the logger left his historic mark
9 in the tall and stately pine
10 While far below the "Mole Men"
11 worked their copper mines.
12 Where the coyote stalks the snowshoe,
13 where the red fox hunts the grouse,
14 Where the busy beaver works his dam
15 and the marsh rabbit his adobe house;
16 Yet, let us not forget dear friends
17 as we take in every scene,
18 And be proud that we are members
19 of the land of the Wolverine.