

# SENATE BILL No. 875

March 13, 2014, Introduced by Senators HILDENBRAND, MOOLENAAR, HANSEN, CASPERSON, MEEKHOF, KOWALL, GREEN and BOOHER and referred to the Committee on Outdoor Recreation and Tourism.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled  
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"  
by amending sections 72101 and 72102 (MCL 324.72101 and 324.72102),  
as amended by 2010 PA 46.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 72101. As used in this part:

2       (a) "Advisory council" means the Michigan ~~snowmobile and~~  
3 trails advisory council created in section 72110.

4       (b) "Council" means a ~~Michigan railway~~ **TRAIL** management  
5 council established pursuant to section 72106.

6       (c) "Department" means the department of natural resources.  
7 ~~and environment.~~

8       (D) "DIRECTOR" MEANS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OR HIS OR

1 **HER DESIGNEE.**

2 (E) ~~(d)~~—"Equine access locations" means open access roads,  
3 management roads, forestry access roads, 2-track and single-track  
4 trails that are not wildlife paths, staging areas for pack and  
5 saddle animals to be dropped off or picked up, and associated  
6 wilderness campsites.

7 (F) ~~(e)~~—"Fund" means the **PURE** Michigan ~~trailways~~**TRAILS** fund  
8 created in section 72109.

9 (G) ~~(f)~~—"Governmental agency" means the federal government, a  
10 county, city, village, or township, or a combination of any of  
11 these entities.

12 ~~—— (g) "Michigan railway" means a railway designated by the~~  
13 ~~commission pursuant to section 72103.~~

14 (h) "Pack and saddle ~~trailways~~**TRAILS**" means ~~trailways~~**TRAILS**  
15 and equine access locations that may be used by pack and saddle  
16 animals.

17 (I) **"PURE MICHIGAN TRAIL" MEANS A TRAIL DESIGNATED AS A "PURE**  
18 **MICHIGAN TRAIL" UNDER SECTION 72103.**

19 (J) **"PURE MICHIGAN WATER TRAIL" MEANS A WATER TRAIL DESIGNATED**  
20 **AS A "PURE MICHIGAN WATER TRAIL" UNDER SECTION 72103.**

21 (K) **"PURE MICHIGAN TRAIL TOWN" MEANS A "PURE MICHIGAN TRAIL**  
22 **TOWN" DESIGNATED UNDER SECTION 72104.**

23 (l) ~~(i)~~—"Rail-trail" means a former railroad bed that is in  
24 public ownership and used as a ~~railway~~**TRAIL**.

25 (M) **"STATEWIDE TRAIL NETWORK" MEANS THE STATEWIDE TRAIL**  
26 **NETWORK ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 72114.**

27 (N) ~~(j)~~—"Trail" means a right-of-way adapted to foot,

1 horseback, motorized, or other nonmotorized travel. **TRAIL ALSO**  
 2 **INCLUDES A WATER TRAIL.**

3 ~~—— (k) "Trailway" means a trail or other land corridor that~~  
 4 ~~features a broad trail capable of accommodating a variety of public~~  
 5 ~~recreation uses.~~

6 (O) **"WATER TRAIL" MEANS A DESIGNATED ROUTE ON A BODY OF WATER.**

7 Sec. 72102. The legislature finds ~~and declares~~ that a  
 8 statewide system of trails ~~, trailways, and pack and saddle~~  
 9 ~~trailways~~ will provide for public enjoyment, health, and fitness;  
 10 encourage constructive leisure-time activities; protect open space,  
 11 cultural and historical resources, and habitat for wildlife and  
 12 plants; enhance the local and state economies; link communities,  
 13 parks, and natural resources; create opportunities for rural-urban  
 14 exchange, agricultural education, and the marketing of farm  
 15 products; and preserve corridors for possible future use for other  
 16 public purposes. Therefore, the planning, acquisition, development,  
 17 operation, and maintenance of trails ~~, trailways, and pack and~~  
 18 ~~saddle trailways~~ are in the best interest of ~~the~~ **THIS** state and are  
 19 ~~declared to be~~ a public purpose.

20 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect  
 21 unless all of the following bills of the 97th Legislature are  
 22 enacted into law:

23 (a) Senate Bill No. 873

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25 (b) Senate Bill No. 876

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27 (c) Senate Bill No. 874

1 04014'13).

2 (d) Senate Bill No.\_\_\_\_ or House Bill No.\_\_\_\_ (request no.

3 05224'14).