

# SENATE BILL No. 58

January 16, 2013, Introduced by Senators MOOLENAAR and BOOHER and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled  
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"  
by amending sections 50301 and 50302 (MCL 324.50301 and 324.50302),  
as added by 1995 PA 57.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 50301. The ~~department~~ **DEPARTMENTS OF AGRICULTURE AND**  
2 **RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** shall **JOINTLY** do all of the  
3 following:

4           (a) Advise the legislature and the governor on forest  
5 management and development and other matters relevant to the  
6 development of the forest products industry in this state.

7           (b) Develop a forestry development plan to improve the state's  
8 business climate for forestry, assure a stable timber supply, and

1 coordinate public and private forestry activities.

2 (c) Identify the needs of the forest products industry.

3 (d) Promote and encourage the ~~development~~ **EXPANSION** of the  
4 forest products industry in this state.

5 (e) Promote and encourage the **RETENTION AND** expansion of  
6 existing forest products companies in this state and attract new  
7 forest products companies to locate in this state.

8 (f) Perform other functions the ~~department considers~~  
9 **DEPARTMENTS CONSIDER** necessary for the development of the forest  
10 products industry in this state.

11 ~~— (g) Promote and encourage the use of this state's forest~~  
12 ~~products by other states and for export.~~

13 **(G) PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE THE USE OF THIS STATE'S VALUE-ADDED**  
14 **FOREST PRODUCTS IN MICHIGAN, IN OTHER STATES, AND INTERNATIONALLY.**

15 Sec. 50302. The ~~department~~ **DEPARTMENTS OF AGRICULTURE AND**  
16 **RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES, JOINTLY,** shall annually  
17 report to the governor and the legislature on ~~its~~ **THEIR** activities  
18 to promote the development of the forest products industry in this  
19 state.