

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 trailway" means a trailway 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 ~~trailway~~ **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).