

Act No. 211
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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
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Introduced by Senators Hildenbrand, Moolenaar, Hansen, Casperson, Meekhof, Kowall, Green and Booher

ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 875

AN ACT to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “An act to protect the environment and natural resources of the state; to codify, revise, consolidate, and classify laws relating to the environment and natural resources of the state; to regulate the discharge of certain substances into the environment; to regulate the use of certain lands, waters, and other natural resources of the state; to protect the people’s right to hunt and fish; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for certain charges, fees, assessments, and donations; to provide certain appropriations; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” 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:

Sec. 72101. As used in this part:

- (a) “Advisory council” means the Michigan trails advisory council created in section 72110.
- (b) “Council” means a trail management council established pursuant to section 72106.
- (c) “Department” means the department of natural resources.
- (d) “Director” means the director of the department or his or her designee.
- (e) “Equine access locations” means open access roads, management roads, forestry access roads, 2-track and single-track trails that are not wildlife paths, staging areas for pack and saddle animals to be dropped off or picked up, and associated wilderness campsites.
- (f) “Fund” means the Pure Michigan Trails fund created in section 72109.
- (g) “Governmental agency” means the federal government, a county, city, village, or township, or a combination of any of these entities.
- (h) “Pack and saddle trails” means trails and equine access locations that may be used by pack and saddle animals.
- (i) “Pure Michigan Trail” means a trail designated as a “Pure Michigan Trail” under section 72103.
- (j) “Pure Michigan Water Trail” means a water trail designated as a “Pure Michigan Water Trail” under section 72103.
- (k) “Pure Michigan Trail Town” means a “Pure Michigan Trail Town” designated under section 72104.
- (l) “Rail-trail” means a former railroad bed that is in public ownership and used as a trail.
- (m) “Statewide trail network” means the statewide trail network established in section 72114.
- (n) “Trail” means a right-of-way adapted to foot, horseback, motorized, or other nonmotorized travel. Trail also includes a water trail.
- (o) “Water trail” means a designated route on a body of water.

Sec. 72102. The legislature finds that a statewide system of trails will provide for public enjoyment, health, and fitness; encourage constructive leisure-time activities; protect open space, cultural and historical resources, and habitat for wildlife and plants; enhance the local and state economies; link communities, parks, and natural resources; create opportunities for rural-urban exchange, agricultural education, and the marketing of farm products; and preserve corridors for possible future use for other public purposes. Therefore, the planning, acquisition, development, operation, and maintenance of trails are in the best interest of this state and are a public purpose.

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect upon the expiration of 90 days after the date it is enacted into law.

Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect unless all of the following bills of the 97th Legislature are enacted into law:

- (a) Senate Bill No. 873.
- (b) Senate Bill No. 876.
- (c) Senate Bill No. 877.
- (d) House Bill No. 5553.
- (e) House Bill No. 5559.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Carol Morey Viventi

Secretary of the Senate

Ray E. Randall

Clerk of the House of Representatives

Approved

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Governor