SENATE BILL No. 283

April 21, 2015, Introduced by Senator CASPERSON 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 section 505 (MCL 324.505).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 505. **(1)** The department, in pursuing the state's policy

2 of propagating fish for the purpose of stocking the streams and

3 lakes of the state, shall accept federal fish stock for such

4 programs, and shall apply for all federal fish stock programs that

5 do not commit the state to future expenditures.

6 **(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL STOCK AT LEAST 191,859 SPRING WALLEYE**

7 **FINGERLINGS WITHIN FISH STOCKING PRIORITY REGIONS USING THE AVERAGE**

8 **STOCKING LEVELS IN THOSE REGIONS FROM 1985 TO 2001 AND THE**

9 **FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:**

10 **(A) THE MINIMUM STOCKING RATE SHALL BE 50 SPRING WALLEYE**

11 **FINGERLINGS PER SURFACE ACRE UNTIL A LEGAL SIZED ADULT WALLEYE**

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1 POPULATION OF A MINIMUM OF 25 INDIVIDUAL WALLEYE OF EACH AGE GROUP

2 IN THE POPULATION ESTIMATE SAMPLE IS SUSTAINED FOR 5 YEARS.

3 (B) FOR AN INDIVIDUAL LAKE IN WHICH THE WALLEYE POPULATION IS

4 SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER THAN THE AVERAGE FOR THE FISH STOCK PRIORITY

5 REGION, THE STOCKING RATE SHALL BE A MINIMUM OF 75 SPRING WALLEYE

6 FINGERLINGS PER ACRE.

7 (C) FOR AN INDIVIDUAL LAKE WITH A HIGHLY COMPROMISED WALLEYE

8 POPULATION, THE STOCKING RATE SHALL BE A MINIMUM OF 100 SPRING

9 WALLEYE FINGERLINGS PER ACRE.

10 (3) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

11 (A) "FINGERLING" MEANS A FISH BETWEEN 1.50 AND 2 INCHES IN

12 LENGTH.

13 (B) "FISH STOCKING PRIORITY REGION" MEANS A REGION THAT MEETS

14 BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:

15 (*i*) THE REGION CONSISTS OF 2 OR MORE CONTIGUOUS COUNTIES WITH

16 A COMBINED POPULATION OF NOT LESS THAN 34,000 AND NOT MORE THAN

17 41,000 RESIDENTS.

18 (*ii*) THE REGION CONTAINS AT LEAST 130 INLAND LAKES.

19 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days

20 after the date it is enacted into law.