

SENATE BILL No. 523

September 29, 2015, Introduced by Senators SCHMIDT, SCHUITMAKER, BOOHER, HANSEN, EMMONS, HERTEL and 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 72114 (MCL 324.72114), as amended by 2014 PA
210, and by adding section 72117.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 72114. (1) The department shall establish a statewide
2 trail network that includes Pure Michigan Trails, Pure Michigan
3 Water Trails, and other recreational use trails. The statewide
4 trail network shall be designed to accommodate a variety of public
5 recreation uses and shall specify the types of uses that are
6 allowed on each trail segment. The statewide trail network shall be
7 in conformance with section 72115 and the determinations made under
8 section 72115. Prior to the department establishing the statewide

1 trail network, the department shall hold a public meeting to
2 receive testimony from the general public.

3 (2) After the statewide trail network is established, if the
4 department is informed that additional trails should be added to
5 the statewide trail network or that uses on particular trail
6 segments should be modified, the department shall modify the
7 statewide trail network to include additional trails or to modify
8 the uses on particular trails as the department determines
9 appropriate. However, any modifications shall be in conformance
10 with section 72115 and determinations made under section 72115.

11 (3) **THE DEPARTMENT MAY PROVIDE SIGNAGE AND RECOGNITION OF**
12 **PLACES SIGNIFICANT TO THE HISTORY OF NATIVE AMERICANS, INCLUDING**
13 **PLACES SIGNIFICANT TO THAT HISTORY ALONG TRAILS IN THE STATEWIDE**
14 **TRAIL NETWORK, AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 72117.**

15 (4) ~~(3)~~—Upon establishment of the statewide trail network, the
16 department shall make the statewide trail network available on the
17 department's website. If the department modifies the statewide
18 trail network, the department shall make the updated statewide
19 trail network available on the department's website.

20 (5) ~~(4)~~—Within 1 year after receiving recommendations from the
21 equine ~~trailways~~ **TRAILS** subcommittee under section 72110a, the
22 advisory council shall review recommendations from the equine
23 trails subcommittee as well as other interested trail users and
24 shall make recommendations to the department for the establishment
25 of the statewide trail network.

26 (6) ~~(5)~~—The department shall work in cooperation with
27 interested parties to facilitate the creation and maintenance of a

1 current database of trail maps for all trails within the statewide
2 trail network on the department's internet website. The database of
3 trail maps shall specifically designate which of the trails are
4 Pure Michigan Trails or Pure Michigan Water Trails. The database of
5 trail maps shall allow trail users to download or print trail maps.
6 In addition, the department shall work in cooperation with
7 interested parties to facilitate the development and maintenance of
8 a mobile software application of trail maps and other information
9 related to specific trails that may be downloaded onto smartphones,
10 tablet computers, and other portable electronic devices. The
11 department shall work in cooperation with these interested parties
12 to assure that the software application is updated to reflect
13 current information from the database of trail maps.

14 **SEC. 72117. (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH**
15 **TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS, EDUCATORS, UNIVERSITIES, THE STATE**
16 **TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT, THE COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS AND CULTURAL**
17 **AFFAIRS, TRAVEL MICHIGAN, THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE,**
18 **THE STATE ARCHAEOLOGIST, AND HISTORICAL SOCIETIES TO DO ALL OF THE**
19 **FOLLOWING:**

20 **(A) REVIEW, PLAN, AND IMPLEMENT A MASTER PLAN TO PROMOTE AND**
21 **PRESERVE THE HISTORY OF NATIVE AMERICANS IN THIS STATE. THE MASTER**
22 **PLAN SHALL INCLUDE A CENTRAL COMPILATION OF INFORMATION ABOUT**
23 **PLACES SIGNIFICANT TO THE HISTORY OF NATIVE AMERICANS IN THIS**
24 **STATE. THE MASTER PLAN SHALL ALSO PROVIDE FOR THE DISSEMINATION OF**
25 **SUCH INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC THROUGH WEBSITES, BROCHURES, OR**
26 **OTHER MEANS.**

27 **(B) IN CONJUNCTION WITH STATE AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES, SPONSOR**

1 COMMEMORATIONS, LINKAGES, SEMINARS, AND PUBLIC FORUMS ON NATIVE
2 AMERICAN HISTORY IN THIS STATE AND NEIGHBORING STATES.

3 (C) ASSIST AND PROMOTE THE MAKING OF APPLICATIONS FOR
4 INCLUSION IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES AND FOR
5 MICHIGAN HISTORICAL MARKERS FOR PLACES SIGNIFICANT TO THE HISTORY
6 OF NATIVE AMERICANS IN THIS STATE.

7 (D) ASSIST AND DEVELOP PARTNERSHIPS TO SEEK PUBLIC AND PRIVATE
8 FUNDS TO CARRY OUT ACTIVITIES TO PROTECT, PRESERVE, AND PROMOTE THE
9 AWARENESS OF NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURAL HERITAGE IN THIS STATE.

10 (E) PROMOTE THE SIGNAGE AND RECOGNITION OF PLACES SIGNIFICANT
11 TO THE HISTORY OF NATIVE AMERICANS, INCLUDING PLACES SIGNIFICANT TO
12 THAT HISTORY ALONG THE STATEWIDE TRAIL NETWORK DESCRIBED IN SECTION
13 72114.

14 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ANNUALLY REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND
15 BOTH HOUSES OF THE LEGISLATURE ON ITS ACTIVITIES UNDER THIS SECTION
16 IN THE PRIOR CALENDAR YEAR.