

SENATE BILL No. 1061

June 12, 2018, Introduced by Senator SCHUITMAKER and referred to the Committee on Outdoor Recreation and Tourism.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"
(MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 74127.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 74127. (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER A MEMORIAL
2 PROGRAM TO ALLOW FAMILIES CHOOSING CREMATION A METHOD TO HONOR THE
3 DECEASED'S DESIRE FOR THEIR FINAL RESTING PLACE TO BE IN THE STATE
4 PARK THAT MEANT THE MOST TO THEM IN LIFE, WHILE ALSO GIVING BACK TO
5 THE STATE PARK THEY LOVED THROUGH VOLUNTEERISM OR FINANCIAL
6 CONTRIBUTION.

7 (2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH PARTNER
8 ORGANIZATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE MEMORIAL PROGRAM. AGREEMENTS WITH
9 PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS SHALL INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, ALL OF
10 THE FOLLOWING:

11 (A) IDENTIFICATION AND RECOGNITION OF THE DESIGNATED MEMORIAL

1 SPACE WITHIN THE STATE PARK AND THE METHOD OF DISPERSING ASHES.

2 (B) REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TREATMENT OF THE CREMATED REMAINS TO
3 PREVENT A NEGATIVE RESOURCE IMPACT.

4 (C) EVENT PERMITTING TO ACCOMMODATE THE INTERESTS OF MEMORIAL
5 PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS.

6 (D) FOR INDIVIDUALS VOLUNTEERING IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE
7 MEMORIAL PROGRAM, THE SCOPE OF WORK AND THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND
8 EXPECTATIONS OF ALL PARTIES.

9 (E) FOR INDIVIDUALS MAKING A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION IN
10 ASSOCIATION WITH THE MEMORIAL PROGRAM, HOW THE INDIVIDUALS WISH TO
11 DIRECT THEIR SUPPORT, SUCH AS FOR TRAIL MAINTENANCE, PLAYGROUNDS
12 AND ACCESSIBLE RECREATION, GREEN INITIATIVES, INVASIVE SPECIES
13 PREVENTION, TREE REPLACEMENT, OR FOR GENERAL SUPPORT OF A SPECIFIC
14 STATE PARK.

15 (F) COMPLIANCE WITH ANY RULES RELATED TO THE MEMORIAL PROGRAM
16 THAT ARE PROMULGATED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

17 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
18 after the date it is enacted into law.