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Introduced by Reps. LaSata, Hoadley, Pagel, McCready, Lucido, Graves, Marino, Griffin and VanderWall

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 5155

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 35901 and 35903 (MCL 324.35901 and 324.35903), as added by 1996 PA 88; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 35901. (1) As used in this part, “department” means the department of natural resources.

(2) The department shall administer an adopt-a-river program to remove litter from rivers and riverbanks within state parks and state recreation areas. The program shall include public informational activities, but shall be directed primarily toward encouraging and facilitating the involvement of volunteer groups in litter cleanup work and assisting volunteer groups in selecting specific river or stream segments for cleanup activities.

(3) The department may promulgate rules as necessary to implement the adopt-a-river program.

(4) The department may enter into agreements with volunteer groups to implement the adopt-a-river program. Agreements with volunteer groups shall include, but are not limited to, all of the following:

(a) Identification of the designated river or stream segment. The volunteer group may request a specific segment of the river or stream it wishes to adopt, subject to the approval of the state park or recreation area manager or supervisor. The department shall assist volunteer groups to select sections of a river or stream and to identify any necessary permits or other authorizations, in cooperation with affected federal, state, and local management agencies, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners.

(b) Specification of the duties of the volunteer group, which shall include both of the following:

(i) Removal of litter along the designated river or stream segment at least once each year.

(ii) Compliance with any rules related to the program that are adopted by the department.

Sec. 35903. This part or an agreement under this part shall not be construed to prohibit a cleanup effort from being conducted on any state land.

Enacting section 1. Section 35904 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.35904, is repealed.

Enacting section 2. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days after the date it is enacted into law.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



Clerk of the House of Representatives



Secretary of the Senate

Approved

Governor