

SENATE BILL NO. 789

February 11, 2020, Introduced by Senator VANDERWALL and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"
by amending sections 73102, 73104, and 73105 (MCL 324.73102,
324.73104, and 324.73105), section 73102 as amended by 1998 PA 546
and sections 73104 and 73105 as added by 1995 PA 58.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 73102. (1) Except as provided in subsection ~~(4)~~, **(3)**, a
2 person shall not enter or remain upon the property of another
3 person ~~, other than farm property or a wooded area connected to~~
4 ~~farm property,~~ to engage in ~~any~~ **a** recreational activity or trapping

on that property without the consent of the owner or his or her lessee or agent, if ~~either~~ **any** of the following circumstances ~~exists~~: **exist**:

(a) The property is fenced or enclosed and is maintained in such a manner as to exclude intruders.

(b) The property is posted in a conspicuous manner against entry ~~by 1 of the following means~~:

(i) **By posting signs.** The minimum letter height on ~~the posting signs~~ **a posted sign** shall be 1 inch. ~~Each posting~~ **A posted sign** shall be not less than 50 square inches. ~~, and the~~ **The** signs shall be spaced to enable ~~a person~~ **an individual** to observe not less than 1 sign at any point of entry upon the property.

(ii) **By placing purple paint marks on trees or posts around the property.**

(c) ~~(2) Except as provided in subsection (4), a person shall not enter or remain upon~~ **The property is** farm property or a wooded area connected to farm property. ~~for any recreational activity or trapping without the consent of the owner or his or her lessee or agent, whether or not the farm property or wooded area connected to farm property is fenced, enclosed, or posted.~~

(2) ~~(3) On fenced or posted property or farm property, a~~ **A** fisherman wading or floating a navigable public stream may, without written or oral consent, enter upon **fenced or posted property or farm** property within the clearly defined banks of the stream or, without damaging farm products, walk a route as closely proximate to the clearly defined bank as possible when necessary to avoid a natural or artificial hazard or obstruction, including, but not limited to, a dam, deep hole, or a fence or other exercise of ownership by the riparian owner.

1 (3) ~~(4) A person~~ **An individual** other than ~~a person~~ **an**
 2 **individual** possessing a firearm may, unless previously prohibited
 3 in writing or orally by the property owner or his or her lessee or
 4 agent, enter on foot upon the property of another person for the
 5 sole purpose of retrieving a hunting dog. The ~~person~~ **individual**
 6 shall not remain on the property beyond the reasonable time
 7 necessary to retrieve the dog. In an action under section 73109 or
 8 73110, the burden of showing that the property owner or his or her
 9 lessee or agent previously prohibited entry under this subsection
 10 is on the plaintiff or prosecuting attorney, respectively.

11 (4) ~~(5) Consent to enter or remain upon the property of~~
 12 another person ~~pursuant to~~ **under** this section may be given orally
 13 or in writing. The consent may establish conditions for entering or
 14 remaining upon that property. Unless prohibited in the written
 15 consent, a written consent may be amended or revoked orally. If the
 16 owner or his or her lessee or agent requires all persons entering
 17 or remaining upon the property to have written consent, the
 18 presence of the person on the property without written consent is
 19 prima facie evidence of unlawful entry.

20 Sec. 73104. A person shall not remove, deface, or destroy a
 21 sign or poster that has been posted, ~~pursuant to~~ **or a purple paint**
 22 **mark that has been placed on a tree or post, under** this part.

23 Sec. 73105. A person shall not post a sign, **or place a purple**
 24 **paint mark on a tree or post**, on property owned by another person
 25 or enclose the property of another person to prohibit hunting,
 26 fishing, trapping, or other recreational activities on that
 27 property without the written permission of the owner of that
 28 property or his or her lessee or agent.

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

1 after the date it is enacted into law.