

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 563**

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled  
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"  
by amending section 80198b (MCL 324.80198b), as amended by 2007 PA  
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**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 80198b. (1) The owner or person in charge of a bathing  
2 beach maintained primarily for public use shall not knowingly  
3 permit a person to bathe or swim from the bathing beach unless  
4 buoys outlining a safe bathing or swimming area are established in  
5 ~~accordance~~**-compliance** with section 80159.

6       (2) A person who is bathing or swimming from a bathing beach  
7 maintained primarily for public use shall not bathe or swim in  
8 waters that are within 100 feet beyond the buoyed bathing or

1 swimming area. This subsection does not apply to ~~persons~~**a person**  
2 swimming from ~~an~~ adjacent privately owned ~~beaches~~**beach** that ~~are~~**is**  
3 not open to the general public.

4 (3) The department shall do all of the following:

5 (a) Develop guidance for beach safety and antidrowning  
6 techniques suitable for the purposes of subsection (4).

7 (b) Post the information under subdivision (a) on the  
8 department's website.

9 (c) Make the information under subdivision (a) available to  
10 local units of government in a format to post on their websites.

11 (4) A local unit of government that maintains a water access  
12 site and a publicly accessible website shall post and maintain on  
13 the website guidance related to beach safety and antidrowning  
14 techniques or a link to such guidance.

15 (5) ~~(3)~~A person who violates ~~this section~~**subsection (1) or**  
16 **(2)** is responsible for a state civil infraction and may be ordered  
17 to pay a civil fine of not more than \$500.00.

18 (6) As used in this section, "water access site" means an area  
19 for public use that provides access to waters of this state,  
20 including, but not limited to, a beach.