

**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.

