



# SENATE BILL No. 1031

May 15, 1996, Introduced by Senators SHUGARS, SCHUETTE, GOUGEON, STALLINGS, A. SMITH and MC MANUS and referred to the Committee on Economic Development, International Trade and Regulatory Affairs.

A bill to amend Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," as amended, being sections 324.101 to 324.90106 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, by adding part 8.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, as  
2 amended, being sections 324.101 to 324.90106 of the Michigan  
3 Compiled Laws, is amended by adding part 8 to read as follows:

### PART 8 SENIOR AND YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL CORPS

5 SEC. 801. AS USED IN THIS PART:

6 (A) "AGENCY" MEANS 1 OF THE AGENCIES OR ORGANIZATIONS PAR-  
7 TICIPATING IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SENIOR AND YOUTH  
8 ENVIRONMENTAL CORPS.

1 (B) "COORDINATOR" MEANS THE PERSON DESIGNATED BY THE  
2 DIRECTOR WITH THE ADVICE OF THE COUNCIL TO ADMINISTER THE  
3 ACTIVITIES OF THE SENIOR AND YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL CORPS.

4 (C) "CORPS" MEANS THE SENIOR AND YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL CORPS.

5 (D) "COUNCIL" MEANS THE SENIOR AND YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL CORPS  
6 COORDINATING COUNCIL.

7 (E) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
8 QUALITY.

9 (F) "DIRECTOR" MEANS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OR HIS  
10 OR HER AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE.

11 (G) "SENIOR" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS 55 YEARS OF AGE OR  
12 OVER.

13 (H) "VOLUNTEER" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS WILLING TO WORK  
14 WITHOUT EXPECTATION OF SALARY OR FINANCIAL REWARD, AND WHO  
15 CHOOSES WHERE HE OR SHE PROVIDES SERVICES AND THE TYPE OF SERV-  
16 ICES HE OR SHE PROVIDES.

17 (I) "YOUTH" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS 17 YEARS OF AGE OR  
18 UNDER.

19 SEC. 802. THE SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL CORPS IS CREATED WITHIN  
20 THE DEPARTMENT. THE DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL  
21 RESOURCES SHALL PARTICIPATE IN THE ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTA-  
22 TION OF THE CORPS AND SHALL APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE  
23 COUNCIL.

24 SEC. 803. THE CORPS SHALL DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

25 (A) PROVIDE RESOURCES AND A SUPPORT STRUCTURE TO FACILITATE  
26 CORPS ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISH GOALS.

1 (B) CARRY OUT PROFESSIONAL AND PARAPROFESSIONAL PROJECTS  
2 THAT FOCUS ON CONSERVATION, PROTECTION, REHABILITATION, AND  
3 ENHANCEMENT OF THE STATE'S NATURAL, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND RECREA-  
4 TIONAL RESOURCES AND THAT OTHERWISE WOULD NOT BE IMPLEMENTED  
5 BECAUSE OF LIMITED FINANCIAL RESOURCES.

6 (C) PROVIDE MEANINGFUL OPPORTUNITIES FOR SENIOR VOLUNTEERS  
7 TO CONTINUE TO UTILIZE THEIR PROFESSIONAL TRAINING, LIFELONG  
8 SKILLS, ABILITIES, EXPERIENCE, AND WISDOM THROUGH PARTICIPATION  
9 IN CORPS PROJECTS.

10 (D) PROVIDE MEANINGFUL OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH VOLUNTEERS TO  
11 GAIN EXPERIENCE AND DEVELOP SKILLS THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN CORPS  
12 PROJECTS.

13 (E) ASSIST AGENCIES IN CARRYING OUT STATUTORY ASSIGNMENTS  
14 WITH LIMITED FUNDING RESOURCES.

15 (F) ENHANCE COMMUNITY UNDERSTANDING OF ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES  
16 THROUGH EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH.

17 (G) ENHANCE THE STATE'S ABILITY TO PROVIDE NEEDED PUBLIC  
18 SERVICES IN BOTH URBAN AND RURAL SETTINGS.

19 SEC. 804. (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONVENE A SENIOR AND  
20 YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL CORPS COORDINATING COUNCIL TO MEET AS NEEDED  
21 TO DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

22 (A) ESTABLISH AND ASSESS POLICIES.

23 (B) DEFINE STANDARDS FOR PROJECTS.

24 (C) EVALUATE AND SELECT PROJECTS.

25 (D) DEVELOP RECRUITMENT, TRAINING, AND PLACEMENT  
26 PROCEDURES.

1 (E) RECEIVE AND REVIEW PROJECT STATUS AND COMPLETION  
2 REPORTS.

3 (F) PROVIDE FOR RECOGNITION OF VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY.

4 (2) THE COUNCIL SHALL INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED BY  
5 THE DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. THE  
6 COUNCIL SHALL DEVELOP BYLAWS, POLICIES, AND PROCEDURES TO GOVERN  
7 ITS ACTIVITIES. THE COUNCIL SHALL ADVISE THE DIRECTOR ON DISTRI-  
8 BUTION OF AVAILABLE FUNDING FOR CORPS ACTIVITIES.

9 (3) THE COUNCIL SHALL INCLUDE A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE  
10 DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

11 SEC. 805. (1) CONTINGENT UPON AVAILABLE FUNDING, THE  
12 DEPARTMENT SHALL DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

13 (A) PROVIDE A COORDINATOR AND STAFF SUPPORT TO THE COUNCIL  
14 AS NEEDED.

15 (B) PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THE AGENCIES FOR RECRUITMENT OF  
16 VOLUNTEERS.

17 (C) DEVELOP A BUDGET AND ALLOCATE AVAILABLE FUNDS WITH THE  
18 ADVICE OF THE COUNCIL.

19 (D) DEVELOP A WRITTEN VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT.

20 (E) COLLECT AND MAINTAIN PROJECT AND VOLUNTEER RECORDS.

21 (F) PROVIDE REPORTS TO THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND THE COUNCIL  
22 AS REQUESTED.

23 (G) PROVIDE AGENCY PROJECT MANAGERS AND VOLUNTEERS WITH ORI-  
24 ENTATION TO THE CORPS PROGRAM AND TRAINING IN THE USE OF  
25 VOLUNTEERS.

1 (H) ACT AS A LIAISON WITH AND PROVIDE INFORMATION TO OTHER  
2 STATES AND JURISDICTIONS ON THE CORPS PROGRAM AND PROGRAM  
3 ACTIVITIES.

4 (I) DEVELOP PROJECT PROPOSALS.

5 (J) ADMINISTER PROJECT ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE AGENCY.

6 (K) DEVELOP APPROPRIATE PROCEDURES FOR THE USE OF  
7 VOLUNTEERS.

8 (L) PROVIDE PROJECT ORIENTATION, TECHNICAL TRAINING, SAFETY  
9 TRAINING, EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES TO CARRY OUT PROJECT  
10 ACTIVITIES.

11 (M) MAINTAIN PROJECT RECORDS AND PROVIDE PROJECT REPORTS.

12 (N) APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANTS OR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR CORPS  
13 APPROVED PROJECTS.

14 (O) WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL, ENTER INTO MEMORANDA  
15 OF UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH FEDERAL, STATE,  
16 AND LOCAL AGENCIES TO CARRY OUT CORPS APPROVED PROJECTS.

17 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT USE CORPS VOLUNTEERS TO DIS-  
18 PLACE CURRENTLY EMPLOYED WORKERS.

19 SEC. 806. ALL VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY OF CORPS PARTICIPANTS  
20 SHALL BE PERFORMED UNDER THE TERMS OF A WRITTEN MASTER AGREEMENT  
21 APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL AND THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL. AT A  
22 MINIMUM, THE VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT MUST INCLUDE A DESCRIPTION OF  
23 THE WORK THAT THE VOLUNTEER IS TO PERFORM, INCLUDING THE STAN-  
24 DARDS OF PERFORMANCE REQUIRED, ANY EXPENSES OR OTHER BENEFITS TO  
25 WHICH THE VOLUNTEER IS TO BE ENTITLED, SUCH AS MILEAGE, LODGING,  
26 UNIFORMS OR OTHER CLOTHING OR SUPPLIES, TRAINING OR OTHER SUPPORT  
27 TO BE PROVIDED TO THE VOLUNTEER BY THE AGENCY, THE DURATION OF

1 THE AGREEMENT, AND THE TERMS UNDER WHICH THE AGREEMENT MAY BE  
2 CANCELED.