

SENATE BILL NO. 979

March 3, 1998, Introduced by Senators STEIL, BENNETT and JAYE and referred to the Committee on Hunting, Fishing and Forestry.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 504 (MCL 324.504), as amended by 1996 PA 171.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 504. (1) The department shall promulgate rules for the
2 protection of the lands and property under its control against
3 wrongful use or occupancy as will ensure the carrying out of the
4 intent of this part to protect the lands and property from depre-
5 dations and to preserve the lands and property from molestation,
6 spoilation, destruction, or any other improper use or occupancy.

7 (2) This section does not allow the department to promulgate
8 a rule that applies to commercial fishing except as otherwise
9 provided by law. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT BY RULE OR ORDER

1 PROHIBIT HUNTING OR VEHICLE USE ON LANDS UNDER ITS CONTROL EXCEPT
2 AS OTHERWISE SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED BY LAW.

3 (3) The department shall issue orders necessary to implement
4 rules promulgated under this section. These orders shall be
5 effective upon posting.

6 (4) A person who violates a rule promulgated under this sec-
7 tion or an order issued under this section is responsible for a
8 state civil infraction and may be ordered to pay a civil fine of
9 not more than \$500.00.