

SENATE BILL No. 769

September 21, 2005, Introduced by Senator GILBERT and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"
by amending section 74104 (MCL 324.74104), as added by 1995 PA 58.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 74104. (1) The department shall establish an "adopt-a-
2 park" program that will allow volunteer groups to assist state park
3 staff in maintaining and enhancing state parks.

4 (2) Subject to subsection (3), volunteer groups in the adopt-
5 a-park program may adopt any available state park and may choose
6 any 1 or more of the following volunteer activities:

7 (a) Spring cleanups.

8 (b) Environmental activities.

1 (c) Accessibility projects.

2 (d) Special events.

3 (e) Park maintenance and development.

4 (f) Public information and assistance.

5 (g) Training.

6 (3) The department shall designate the activities to be
7 performed by a volunteer group in the adopt-a-park program. The
8 department may provide for more than 1 volunteer group to adopt a
9 state park.

10 (4) A volunteer group that wishes to participate in the adopt-
11 a-park program shall submit an application to the department on a
12 form provided by the department. Additionally, volunteer groups
13 shall agree to the following:

14 (a) Volunteer groups shall participate in the program for at
15 least a 2-year period.

16 (b) Volunteer groups shall consist of at least 6 people who
17 are 18 years of age or older, unless the volunteer group is a
18 school or scout organization, in which case the volunteers may be
19 under 18 years of age.

20 (c) Volunteer groups shall give a total of 400 hours over a 2-
21 year period.

22 (d) Volunteer groups shall comply with other reasonable
23 requirements of the department.

24 (5) A state park manager may issue to volunteers who are
25 actively working on adopt-a-park projects that last more than 1 day
26 free camping permits if campsites are available. A state park
27 manager may waive state park entry fees for volunteers entering

1 state parks to work on adopt-a-park projects.

2 (6) The department shall design and erect near the state park
3 headquarters of each state park in the adopt-a-park program an
4 adopt-a-park program sign with the name of the volunteer group's
5 sponsoring organization listed for each volunteer group that has
6 contributed at least 100 service hours by volunteers.

7 (7) **THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE A VOLUNTEER GROUP CONDUCTING**
8 **LITTER CLEANUP UNDER THE ADOPT-A-PARK PROGRAM WITH A METHOD FOR THE**
9 **VOLUNTEER GROUP TO RECORD A GENERAL CHARACTERIZATION OF THE TYPES**
10 **AND AMOUNT OF TRASH COLLECTED DURING THE GROUP'S CLEANUP EFFORT.**
11 **THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUEST THE GROUP TO FORWARD THE INFORMATION**
12 **RECORDED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ON COMPLETION.**

13 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
14 unless Senate Bill No. 767

15 of the 93rd Legislature is enacted into law.