SENATE BILL No. 982

January 24, 2006, Introduced by Senators BIRKHOLZ, GEORGE, CROPSEY, KUIPERS, BISHOP, HARDIMAN, McMANUS, BROWN and ALLEN and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled

"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"

(MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 512.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1   SEC. 512. (1) THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE

2 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH, SHALL CREATE A "MICHIGAN OUTDOOR

3 FITNESS AWARD" AND A PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES FOR THE GRANTING OF THE

4 AWARD. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ALSO SEEK 1 OR MORE CONSERVATION OR

5 RECREATION ORGANIZATIONS TO PARTNER IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE

6 AWARD PROGRAM. THE MICHIGAN OUTDOOR FITNESS AWARD SHALL BE GIVEN TO

7 INDIVIDUALS WHO COMPLETE A VARIETY OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES IDENTIFIED

8 BY THE DEPARTMENT, SUCH AS:

9   (A) CAMPING IN A STATE FOREST CAMPGROUND.

1   (B) COMPLETING A SUCCESSFUL HUNT OF 1 OR MORE DESIGNATED GAME

2   SPECIES.

3   (C) CATCHING 1 OR MORE DESIGNATED SPECIES OF FISH.

4   (D) HIKING 1 OR MORE DESIGNATED TRAILS.

5   (E) COMPLETING 1 OR MORE DESIGNATED BIKING TRIPS.

6   (F) RIDING 1 OR MORE DESIGNATED SNOWMOBILE TRAILS.

7   (G) CANOEING OR KAYAKING 1 OR MORE DESIGNATED WATER TRAILS.

8   (H) UNDERTAKING OTHER OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

9   DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

10   (2) IN ADMINISTERING THE AWARD PROGRAM UNDER SUBSECTION (1),

11   THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

12   (A) ESTABLISH A POINT SYSTEM FOR COMPLETION OF THE DESIGNATED

13   ACTIVITIES.

14   (B) ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR DOCUMENTING COMPLETION OF THE

15   DESIGNATED ACTIVITIES.

16   (C) ESTABLISH A PROCESS FOR MAKING AWARDS TO INDIVIDUALS WHO

17   ACCUMULATE A PREDETERMINED POINT TOTAL.

18   (D) CREATE A CERTIFICATE AND OTHER RECOGNITION FOR INDIVIDUALS

19   RECEIVING THE AWARD.

20   (3) THE DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

21   SHALL BROADLY PUBLICIZE THE MICHIGAN OUTDOOR FITNESS AWARD AND THE

22   AWARD PROGRAM CREATED UNDER THIS SECTION.