

SUBSTITUTE FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 279

(As amended, March 15, 2007)

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"
(MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 70107.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 SEC. 70107. (1) <<WITHIN 1 YEAR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE
AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SECTION,>> THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONJUNCTION
WITH THE
- 2 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH, SHALL CREATE A "MICHIGAN GET-
- 3 OUTDOORS FITNESS AWARD PROGRAM". THE PROGRAM SHALL BE DESIGNED TO
- 4 ENCOURAGE YOUTH AND ADULTS TO PARTICIPATE IN OUTDOOR, RESOURCE-
- 5 BASED ACTIVITIES THAT ARE PHYSICAL IN NATURE IN ORDER TO BECOME
- 6 MORE PHYSICALLY FIT AND TO DISCOVER MICHIGAN'S UNIQUE AND DIVERSE
- 7 NATURAL RESOURCES. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL BE THE LEAD AGENCY FOR THE
- 8 DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM.
- 9 (2) IN CREATING THE PROGRAM, THE DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT

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1 OF COMMUNITY HEALTH SHALL DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

2 (A) ESTABLISH A SYSTEM TO RECOGNIZE INDIVIDUALS WHO
3 PARTICIPATE IN OUTDOOR, RESOURCE-BASED ACTIVITIES, ATTAIN PHYSICAL
4 FITNESS GOALS WHILE PERFORMING THESE ACTIVITIES, AND EXCEL IN THE
5 PERFORMANCE OF THESE ACTIVITIES.

6 (B) SEEK CONSERVATION, FITNESS, AND RECREATION ORGANIZATIONS,
7 LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT, AND OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS TO PARTNER
8 WITH IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM. THE DEPARTMENT MAY
9 CONTRACT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM WITH 1 OR MORE OF THESE
10 PARTNERS.

11 (C) SEEK PRIVATE-SECTOR SPONSORS TO FUND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
12 THE PROGRAM AND PROVIDE RECOGNITION TO THESE SPONSORS COMMENSURATE
13 WITH THEIR LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION.

14 (3) THE DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH
15 SHALL NOT INCUR COSTS IN IMPLEMENTING THE PROGRAM IN EXCESS OF
16 REVENUES RECEIVED FROM SPONSORSHIPS AND PARTNERSHIPS UNDER THIS
17 SECTION.

18 (4) THE DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH
19 SHALL BROADLY PUBLICIZE THE PROGRAM.

<<(5) THE DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH SHALL
ANNUALLY SUBMIT A JOINT REPORT ON THE PROGRAM TO THE STANDING COMMITTEES
OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WITH PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY
FOR NATURAL RESOURCE ISSUES AND PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES.>>

20 <<(6)>> AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "PROGRAM" MEANS THE MICHIGAN GET-
21 OUTDOORS FITNESS AWARD PROGRAM CREATED IN THIS SECTION.