

HOUSE BILL No. 5075

August 1, 2007, Introduced by Rep. Elsenheimer and referred to the Committee on Tourism,
Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"
by amending section 83106 (MCL 324.83106), as amended by 2004 PA
587.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 83106. (1) The department may require a person to obtain
2 a permit for camping in designated state forest campgrounds. ~~and~~
3 ~~may establish and collect a fee for the camping permit. However, at~~
4 ~~least 6 months before increasing a camping permit fee, the~~
5 ~~department shall provide written notice of its intent to do so to~~
6 ~~the standing committees of the senate and the house of~~
7 ~~representatives that have primary jurisdiction over legislation~~

~~pertaining to natural resources and the environment.~~ SUBJECT TO
SUBSECTION (2), THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CHARGE THE FOLLOWING FEES FOR
CAMPING PERMITS ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION:

(A) FOR INDIVIDUAL CAMPSITES, \$10.00.

(B) FOR EQUESTRIAN OR OFF-ROAD CAMPSITES, \$10.00.

(C) FOR GROUP CAMPSITES DESIGNATED AS SUCH, \$3.00 PER PERSON.

(D) FOR CABINS AT PRESQUE ISLE, \$35.00.

(E) FOR CABINS AT LIME ISLAND, \$45.00.

(2) THE CAMPING PERMIT FEES CHARGED FOR THE FOLLOWING
INDIVIDUALS SHALL BE 50% OF THE REGULAR RATE SPECIFIED IN
SUBSECTION (1):

(A) AN INDIVIDUAL 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.

(B) A VETERAN.

(C) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS IN ACTIVE DUTY IN THE UNITED STATES
ARMED FORCES.

(D) A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY AS DEFINED IN SECTION 103 OF
THE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, 1976 PA 220, MCL
37.1103.

(3) IF THE DEPARTMENT CEASES TO OPERATE A STATE FOREST
CAMPGROUND, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ALLOW THE LOCAL UNIT OF GOVERNMENT
IN WHICH THE STATE FOREST CAMPGROUND IS LOCATED TO OPERATE THE
STATE FOREST CAMPGROUND. IN OPERATING THE STATE FOREST CAMPGROUND,
THE LOCAL UNIT OF GOVERNMENT MAY CHARGE FEES IN THE AMOUNTS
PROVIDED FOR IN SUBSECTIONS (1) AND (2) FOR CAMPING PERMITS AND MAY
PERFORM NECESSARY MAINTENANCE OF THE CAMPGROUND. IF A LOCAL UNIT OF
GOVERNMENT ASSUMES THE MANAGEMENT OF A STATE FOREST CAMPGROUND
UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE LOCAL UNIT OF GOVERNMENT SHALL USE THE

1 REVENUES RECEIVED FROM CAMPING FEES ONLY FOR THE OPERATIONS AND
2 MAINTENANCE OF THE STATE FOREST CAMPGROUND.

3 (4) ~~(2) The~~ IN ADDITION TO CAMPING PERMITS, THE department may
4 require a person to obtain a permit, except as otherwise provided
5 by law, for the use of lands and facilities within the state forest
6 as designated by the department for recreation use.

7 (5) ~~(3)~~ Money collected BY THE DEPARTMENT under this section
8 shall be deposited into the forest recreation account.