

SENATE BILL No. 900

November 8, 2007, Introduced by Senators JELINEK, BIRKHOZ, RICHARDVILLE,
PAPPAGEORGE, GILBERT, KAHN, BROWN, GLEASON, JANSEN, VAN WOERKOM and
HARDIMAN 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.
9 (c) Accessibility projects.

- 1 (d) Special events.
2 (e) Park maintenance and development.
3 (f) Public information and assistance.
4 (g) Training.

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

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

13 (a) ~~Volunteer groups shall~~ **TO** participate in the program for
14 at least a 2-year period.

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

19 (c) ~~Volunteer groups shall give~~ **TO CONTRIBUTE** a total of **AT**
20 **LEAST** 400 **SERVICE** hours over a 2-year period.

21 (d) ~~Volunteer groups shall~~ **TO** comply with other reasonable
22 requirements of the department.

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

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

6 **(7) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE EACH VOLUNTEER GROUP**
7 **CONDUCTING CLEANUP ACTIVITY UNDER THIS SECTION WITH A METHOD FOR**
8 **THE VOLUNTEER GROUP TO RECORD THE TYPES AND AMOUNT OF TRASH**
9 **COLLECTED DURING THE GROUP'S CLEANUP ACTIVITY. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL**
10 **REQUEST THAT THE INFORMATION BE FORWARDED TO THE DEPARTMENT UPON**
11 **COMPLETION. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE INFORMATION IT RECEIVES**
12 **UNDER THIS SUBSECTION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.**

13 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
14 unless Senate Bill No. 901

15 of the 94th Legislature is enacted into law.