

SENATE BILL No. 601

May 21, 2009, Introduced by Senators BROWN, CROPSEY, KUIPERS, JELINEK, GILBERT, VAN WOERKOM, JANSEN and PAPPAGEORGE and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Bioeconomy.

A bill to amend 1923 PA 312, entitled

"An act to empower the United States of America to acquire lands in the state of Michigan by purchase or otherwise for establishing, consolidating, and extending national and state forests; to grant to the United States of America all rights necessary for the proper control and administration of lands so acquired; and to authorize cooperative agreements between the state of Michigan and the United States for the acquisition, management, and operation of public forest lands,"

by amending section 1a (MCL 3.401a).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 ~~Sec. 1a. Authority is hereby given for the conservation~~ **THE**
 2 ~~commission to~~ **OF AGRICULTURE MAY** enter into cooperative agreements
 3 with ~~such~~ **THE** federal agencies as ~~have or may be~~ **THAT HAVE BEEN**
 4 given ~~such~~ authority by act of congress for the purpose of
 5 acquisition, management, and operation of public forest lands.
 6 Under ~~such~~ **THESE** cooperative agreements, forest lands purchased by
 7 the United States shall be administered by the ~~conservation~~

1 commission **OF AGRICULTURE** as state forest lands and, during the
2 period the agreement remains in force, 1/2 of the gross proceeds
3 from all lands covered by the agreement and to which the United
4 States holds title shall be paid by the state to the United States.
5 ~~Provided, That~~ **HOWEVER**, when the amount of ~~such~~ **THESE** payments
6 ~~shall equal~~ the total sum expended by the United States in
7 acquiring ~~said~~ **THE** lands, title to ~~said~~ **THE** lands shall be
8 transferred from the federal government to the state. ~~And~~
9 ~~provided further, That in~~ **IN** the event of the termination of ~~said~~
10 **THE** cooperative agreements where the title to ~~said~~ **THE** lands is in
11 the United States, then the federal government shall reimburse the
12 state for so much of the state funds as have been expended in the
13 administration, development, and management of the lands involved
14 as the secretary of agriculture may decide to be fair and
15 equitable.

16 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
17 unless Senate Bill No. 603

18 of the 95th Legislature is enacted into law.