

# HOUSE BILL No. 4325

February 26, 2013, Introduced by Reps. Goike, Potvin, LaFontaine, Victory, McBroom, Foster, Pettalia and Rendon and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled  
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"  
by amending sections 50301 and 50302 (MCL 324.50301 and 324.50302),  
as added by 1995 PA 57.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 50301. The ~~department~~ **DEPARTMENTS OF AGRICULTURE AND**  
2 **RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** shall **JOINTLY** do all of the  
3 following:

4           (a) Advise the legislature and the governor on forest  
5 management and development and other matters relevant to the  
6 development of the forest products industry in this state.

7           (b) Develop a forestry development plan to improve the state's  
8 business climate for forestry, assure a stable timber supply, and  
9 coordinate public and private forestry activities.

1 (c) Identify the needs of the forest products industry.

2 (d) Promote and encourage the ~~development~~**EXPANSION** of the  
3 forest products industry in this state.

4 (e) Promote and encourage the **RETENTION AND** expansion of  
5 existing forest products companies in this state and attract new  
6 forest products companies to locate in this state.

7 (f) Perform other functions the ~~department considers~~  
8 **DEPARTMENTS CONSIDER** necessary for the development of the forest  
9 products industry in this state.

10 ~~—— (g) Promote and encourage the use of this state's forest~~  
11 ~~products by other states and for export.~~

12 **(G) PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE THE USE OF THIS STATE'S VALUE-ADDED**  
13 **FOREST PRODUCTS IN MICHIGAN, IN OTHER STATES, AND INTERNATIONALLY.**

14 Sec. 50302. The ~~department~~**DEPARTMENTS OF AGRICULTURE AND**  
15 **RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES, JOINTLY,** shall annually  
16 report to the governor and the legislature on ~~its~~**THEIR** activities  
17 to promote the development of the forest products industry in this  
18 state.