

**NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 451 of 1994**

**324.1902 Michigan natural resources trust fund; establishment; contents; receipts; investment; report on accounting of revenues and expenditures.**

Sec. 1902. (1) In accordance with section 35 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, the Michigan natural resources trust fund is established in the state treasury. Subject to section 1904, the trust fund shall consist of all bonuses, rentals, delayed rentals, and royalties collected or reserved by the state under provisions of leases for the extraction of nonrenewable resources from state-owned lands. However, the trust fund shall not include bonuses, rentals, delayed rentals, and royalties collected or reserved by the state from the following sources:

(a) State-owned lands acquired with money appropriated from the former game and fish protection fund or the game and fish protection account of the Michigan conservation and recreation legacy fund provided for in section 2010.

(b) State-owned lands acquired with money appropriated from the subfund account created by former section 4 of former 1976 PA 204.

(c) State-owned lands acquired with money appropriated from related federal funds made available to the state under the Pittman-Robertson wildlife restoration act, 16 USC 669 to 669i, or the Dingell-Johnson sport fish restoration act, 16 USC 777 to 777m.

(d) Money received by the state from net proceeds allocable to the nonconventional source production credit contained in section 45k of the internal revenue code of 1986, 26 USC 45k, as provided for in section 503.

(2) In addition to the revenues described in subsection (1), the trust fund may receive appropriations, money, or other things of value.

(3) The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the trust fund. The state treasurer shall have the same authority to invest the assets of the trust fund as is granted to an investment fiduciary under the public employee retirement system investment act, 1965 PA 314, MCL 38.1132 to 38.1141.

(4) The department shall annually prepare a report containing an accounting of revenues and expenditures from the trust fund. This report shall identify the interest and earnings of the trust fund from the previous year, the cumulative total amount of unexpended interest and earnings held by the trust fund, the investment performance of the trust fund during the previous year, and the total amount of appropriations from the trust fund during the previous year. This report shall be provided to the senate and house of representatives appropriations committees and the standing committees of the senate and house of representatives with jurisdiction over issues pertaining to natural resources and the environment.

**History:** Add. 1995, Act 60, Imd. Eff. May 24, 1995;—Am. 1996, Act 134, Imd. Eff. Mar. 19, 1996;—Am. 2002, Act 52, Eff. Sept. 21, 2002;—Am. 2004, Act 587, Eff. Dec. 23, 2006;—Am. 2012, Act 619, Imd. Eff. Jan. 9, 2013;—Am. 2018, Act 166, Imd. Eff. June 4, 2018;—Am. 2018, Act 597, Eff. Dec. 19, 2020.

**Compiler's note:** Enacting section 2 of Act 587 of 2004 provides:

"Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect unless House Joint Resolution Z of the 92nd Legislature becomes a part of the state constitution of 1963 as provided in section 1 of article XII of the state constitution of 1963."

Enacting section 3 of Act 597 of 2018 provides:

"Enacting section 3. This amendatory act does not take effect unless Senate Joint Resolution O of the 99th Legislature becomes a part of the state constitution of 1963 as provided in section 1 of article XII of the state constitution of 1963."

Senate Joint Resolution O was agreed to by the House of Representatives and the Senate on December 21, 2018, and filed with the Secretary of State December 27, 2018. The proposed amendment to the constitution was submitted to, and approved, by the electors on November 3, 2020, and became effective December 19, 2020.

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