

**MICHIGAN MUSEUM ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 325 of 1990**

**399.504 Railroad history museum; operation; purpose; programs; dissemination of information; training personnel; library; removal, sale, or transfer of personal property given to department.**

Sec. 204.

(1) The department's bureau of history shall operate the railroad history museum and associated premises as part of its statewide museum system.

(2) The railroad history museum shall be dedicated to recounting and interpreting the role of the railroad industry in the development of the social, economic, and human history of the state of Michigan.

(3) The programs undertaken at the railroad history museum may include research, restoration, and conservation efforts, with the intent of preserving and interpreting the documents, artifacts, engines, and rolling stock associated with the state's rail system.

(4) The department may disseminate information concerning the railroad industry in Michigan and how the railroad industry helped to build, shape, and define America and assisted in opening frontiers and industrializing Michigan. Information may be disseminated in any appropriate form, including, but not limited to, publications, seminars, special exhibits, and public presentations.

(5) As part of its railroad history museum program, the department may train persons in railroad industry research, interpretation, preservation, and conservation.

(6) The department may maintain and operate a railroad library and archives at the railroad history museum or at another facility acquired to operate in conjunction with the railroad history museum.

(7) All documents, artifacts, and other personal property given to the department under section 201 shall not at any time be permanently removed from the railroad history museum, sold, or permanently transferred to another museum.

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