

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

PART 20

MICHIGAN CONSERVATION AND RECREATION LEGACY FUND

324.2001 Definitions.

Sec. 2001. As used in this part:

(a) "Forest recreation account" means the forest recreation account of the legacy fund provided for in section 2005.

(b) "Game and fish protection account" means the game and fish protection account of the legacy fund provided for in section 2010.

(c) "Legacy fund" means the Michigan conservation and recreation legacy fund established in section 40 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963 and provided for in section 2002.

(d) "Off-road vehicle account" means the off-road vehicle account of the legacy fund provided for in section 2015.

(e) "Recreation improvement account" means the recreation improvement account of the legacy fund provided for in section 2020.

(f) "Recreation passport fee" means a state park and state-operated public boating access site recreation passport fee paid under section 805 of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.805, or under rules promulgated under section 74120(2).

(g) "Snowmobile account" means the snowmobile account of the legacy fund provided for in section 2025.

(h) "State park improvement account" means the state park improvement account of the legacy fund provided for in section 2030.

(i) "Waterways account" means the waterways account of the legacy fund provided for in section 2035.

History: Add. 2004, Act 587, Eff. Dec. 23, 2006;—Am. 2010, Act 32, Eff. Oct. 1, 2010.

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."

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324.2002 Michigan conservation and recreation legacy fund.

Sec. 2002. (1) In accordance with section 40 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, the Michigan conservation and recreation legacy fund is established in the state treasury.

(2) The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the legacy fund. The state treasurer shall establish within the legacy fund restricted accounts as authorized by this part. Interest and earnings from each account shall be credited to that account. The state treasurer may accept gifts, grants, bequests, or assets from any source for deposit into a particular account or subaccount.

History: Add. 2004, Act 587, Eff. Dec. 23, 2006.

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324.2005 Forest recreation account.

Sec. 2005. (1) The forest recreation account is established as an account within the legacy fund.

(2) The forest recreation account shall consist of both of the following:

(a) All money in the forest recreation fund, formerly created in section 83104, immediately prior to the effective date of the amendatory act that added this section, which money is hereby transferred to the forest recreation account.

(b) Revenue from the following sources:

(i) Revenue derived from concessions, leases, contracts, and fees from recreational activities on state forestlands.

(ii) Other revenues as authorized by law.

(3) Money in the forest recreation account shall be expended, upon appropriation, only as provided in section 2045 and part 831 and for the administration of the forest recreation account.

(4) Money in the forest recreation account may be expended pursuant to subsection (3) for grants to state

colleges and universities to implement programs funded by the forest recreation account.

History: Add. 2004, Act 587, Eff. Dec. 23, 2006;—Am. 2010, Act 32, Eff. Oct. 1, 2010.

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324.2010 Game and fish protection account.

Sec. 2010. (1) The game and fish protection account is established as an account within the legacy fund.

(2) The game and fish protection account shall consist of all of the following:

(a) Revenue derived from hunting and fishing licenses, passbooks, permits, fees, concessions, leases, contracts, and activities.

(b) Damages paid for the illegal taking of game and fish.

(c) Revenue derived from fees, licenses, and permits related to game, game areas, and game fish.

(d) Other revenues as authorized by law.

(3) Money in the game and fish protection account shall be expended, upon appropriation, only as provided in part 435 and for the administration of the game and fish protection account, which may include payments in lieu of taxes on state-owned land purchased through the game and fish protection account or through the former game and fish protection fund. The department shall manage land acquired with money from the game and fish protection account or the former game and fish protection fund through the use of scientific game species management for the primary purpose of managing habitat and thereby enhancing recreational hunting opportunities. Unless the department can demonstrate that the expenditure is for that primary purpose, and benefits to nongame species are a result of that primary purpose, both of the following apply:

(a) Money in the game and fish protection account shall not be expended for management of nongame species.

(b) Forest treatments on lands acquired with money from the game and fish protection account or the former game and fish protection fund shall not be undertaken to benefit nongame species.

(4) Money in the game and fish protection account may be expended pursuant to subsection (3) for grants to state colleges and universities to implement programs funded by the game and fish protection account if the department does not have the appropriate staff or other resources to implement the programs itself.

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324.2015 Off-road vehicle account.

Sec. 2015. (1) The off-road vehicle account is established as an account within the legacy fund.

(2) The off-road vehicle account shall consist of both of the following:

(a) All money in the trail improvement fund, formerly created in section 81117, and the safety education fund, formerly created in section 81118, immediately prior to the effective date of the amendatory act that added this section, which money is hereby transferred to the off-road vehicle account.

(b) Revenue deriving from either of the following sources:

(i) Revenue from fees imposed upon the use or registration of off-road vehicles.

(ii) Other revenues as authorized by law.

(3) Money in the off-road vehicle account shall be expended, upon appropriation, only as provided in part 811 and for the administration of the off-road vehicle account.

(4) Money in the off-road vehicle account may be expended pursuant to subsection (3) for grants to state colleges and universities to implement programs funded by the off-road vehicle account.

History: Add. 2004, Act 587, Eff. Dec. 23, 2006.

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324.2020 Recreation improvement account.

Sec. 2020. (1) The recreation improvement account is established as an account within the legacy fund.

(2) The recreation improvement account shall consist of both of the following:

(a) All money in the recreation improvement fund, formerly created in section 71105, immediately prior to the effective date of the amendatory act that added this section, which money is hereby transferred to the recreation improvement account.

(b) Revenue from the following sources:

(i) Two percent of the gasoline sold in this state for consumption in internal combustion engines.

(ii) Other revenues as provided by law.

(3) Money in the recreation improvement account shall be used only as provided for in part 711 and for the administration of the recreation improvement account.

(4) Money in the recreation improvement account may be expended pursuant to subsection (3) for grants to state colleges and universities to implement programs funded by the recreation improvement account.

History: Add. 2004, Act 587, Eff. Dec. 23, 2006.

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324.2025 Snowmobile account.

Sec. 2025. (1) The snowmobile account is established as an account within the legacy fund.

(2) The snowmobile account shall consist of both of the following:

(a) All money in the recreational snowmobile trail improvement fund, formerly created in section 82110, and the snowmobile registration fee fund, formerly created in section 82111, immediately prior to the effective date of the amendatory act that added this section, which money is hereby transferred to the snowmobile account.

(b) Revenue deriving from the following sources:

(i) Revenue from fees imposed for the registration or use of snowmobiles.

(ii) Revenues derived from the use of snowmobile trails.

(iii) Transfers from the recreation improvement account.

(iv) Other revenues as authorized by law.

(3) Money in the snowmobile account shall be expended, upon appropriation, only as provided in part 821 and for the administration of the snowmobile account, which may include payments in lieu of taxes on state owned land purchased through the snowmobile account or the former snowmobile trail improvement fund.

(4) Money in the snowmobile account may be expended pursuant to subsection (3) for grants to state colleges and universities to implement programs funded by the snowmobile account.

History: Add. 2004, Act 587, Eff. Dec. 23, 2006.

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."

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324.2030 State park improvement account.

Sec. 2030. (1) The state park improvement account is established as an account within the legacy fund.

(2) The state park improvement account shall consist of both of the following:

(a) All money in the state park improvement fund, formerly created in section 74108, immediately prior to the effective date of the amendatory act that added this section, which money is hereby transferred to the state park improvement account.

(b) Revenue from the following sources:

(i) Revenue derived from concessions, leases, contracts, fees, and permits from activities in or entry into state parks and recreation areas.

(ii) Unless otherwise provided by law, damages paid for illegal activities in state parks and recreation areas.

(iii) Other revenues as authorized by law.

(3) Money in the state park improvement account shall be expended, upon appropriation, only as provided in section 2045 and part 741 and for the administration of the state park improvement account.

(4) Money in the state park improvement account may be expended pursuant to subsection (3) for grants to state colleges and universities to implement programs funded by the state park improvement account.

History: Add. 2004, Act 587, Eff. Dec. 23, 2006;—Am. 2010, Act 32, Eff. Oct. 1, 2010.

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324.2035 Waterways account.

Sec. 2035. (1) The waterways account is established as an account within the legacy fund.

(2) The waterways account shall consist of both of the following:

(a) All money in the Michigan state waterways fund, formerly created in section 78110, the Michigan harbor development fund, formerly created in section 78110, and the marine safety fund, formerly created in section 80115, immediately prior to the effective date of the amendatory act that added this section, which money is hereby transferred to the waterways account.

(b) Revenue from the following sources:

(i) All revenue generated from watercraft registration fees assessed on the ownership or operation of watercraft in the state, of which not less than 49% shall be provided for law enforcement and education.

(ii) All revenues derived from fees charged for the moorage of watercraft at state-operated mooring facilities.

(iii) All revenues derived from fees charged for the use of state-operated public access sites.

(iv) Transfers from the recreation improvement account.

(v) All tax revenue derived from the sale of diesel fuel in this state that is used to generate power for the operation or propulsion of vessels on the waterways of this state.

(vi) Other revenues as authorized by law.

(3) Money in the waterways account shall be expended, upon appropriation, only as provided in parts 445, 781, 791, and 801 and for the administration of the waterways account, which may include payments in lieu of taxes on state owned lands purchased through the waterways account or through the former Michigan state waterways fund.

History: Add. 2004, Act 587, Eff. Dec. 23, 2006;—Am. 2012, Act 249, Imd. Eff. July 2, 2012.

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."

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324.2045 Recreation passport fee revenue.

Sec. 2045. (1) The department shall distribute recreation passport fee revenue as follows:

(a) First, for necessary expenses incurred by the secretary of state each state fiscal year in administration and implementation of section 805 of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.805. Funds appropriated for necessary expenses shall be based upon an established cost allocation methodology that reflects actual costs. Appropriations under this subdivision in a state fiscal year shall not exceed \$1,000,000.00.

(b) The next \$10,700,000.00 received each fiscal year shall be deposited in the state park improvement account.

(c) The next \$1,030,000.00 received each fiscal year shall be deposited in the waterways account.

(d) The remaining revenue shall be deposited as follows:

(i) 50% in the state park improvement account to be used for capital improvements at state parks, including state recreation areas.

(ii) 30% in the state park improvement account to be used for operations and maintenance at state parks, including state recreation areas.

(iii) 2.75% in the state park improvement account to be used for operations, maintenance, and capital improvements of state park cultural and historic resources.

(iv) 0.25% in the state park improvement account to be used to do all of the following:

(A) Promote, in concert with other state agencies, the use of state parks, state-operated public boating access sites, state forest campgrounds, and state forest nonmotorized trails and pathways.

(B) Promote the use of the internet for state park camping reservations and for payment of the recreation

passport fee in conjunction with motor vehicle registration.

(v) 10% in the local public recreation facilities fund created in section 1911, to be used for development of public recreation facilities for local units of government.

(vi) 7% in the forest recreation account to be used for operating, maintaining, and making capital improvements to state forest campgrounds and the state forest system of pathways and nonmotorized trails, including, but not limited to, equestrian trails.

(2) For each state fiscal year, beginning with the 2011-2012 state fiscal year, the state treasurer shall adjust the amounts set forth in subsection (1)(b) and (c) by an amount determined by the state treasurer to reflect the cumulative percentage change in the consumer price index for the most recent 1-year period for which data are available. As used in this subsection, "consumer price index" means the most comprehensive index of consumer prices available for this state from the bureau of labor statistics of the United States department of labor.

(3) By January 15 of each year, the department, in consultation with the department of state, shall estimate the amount of additional revenue that would have been collected as recreation passport fees during the immediately preceding state fiscal year if owners of resident motor vehicles described in sections 74116(4)(c) and 78119(4)(b) were not exempt under those provisions from paying the recreation passport fee. The department shall estimate the amount as follows:

(a) Determine the total number of resident motor vehicles described in sections 74116(4)(c) and 78119(4)(b).

(b) Multiply the number under subdivision (a) by the percentage of resident motor vehicles with single-year registrations for which a recreation passport fee was paid during the preceding state fiscal year.

(c) Subtract from the result under subdivision (b) the number of resident motor vehicles described in sections 74116(4)(c) and 78119(4)(b) for which a recreation passport fee was paid during the preceding state fiscal year under rules promulgated under section 74120(3).

(d) Multiply the result under subdivision (c) by the current amount of the recreation passport fee during the preceding state fiscal year.

(4) The legislature shall annually appropriate from the general fund a sum equal to the amount estimated under subsection (3). The sum appropriated shall be distributed as provided in subsection (1)(d).

(5) The department shall submit a report to the standing committees and appropriations subcommittees of the legislature with jurisdiction over issues pertaining to natural resources and the environment by February 1 each year. The report shall provide information on all of the following for the preceding state fiscal year:

(a) The total amount of recreation passport fee revenue received by the department and the amounts allocated under subsection (1).

(b) The total amount of annual and daily state park motor vehicle permit fee revenue received by the department under section 74117.

(c) The total amount of seasonal or daily state-operated public boating access site revenue received by the department under section 78105(3).

(d) Details on the specific uses of the revenue described in subdivisions (a), (b), and (c) and the amounts expended for each specific use.

(e) The amount of revenue received during the preceding state fiscal year under subsection (4).

(f) The adequacy of the revenue described in subdivisions (a) and (e) for each of the purposes for which it is allocated under subsection (1).

(g) The impact of the state park revenue stream described in subdivisions (a), (b), and (d) on the Michigan state parks endowment fund created in section 35a of article IX of the state constitution of 1963 and provided for in section 74119.

(h) Other relevant issues that affect funding needs for the state park system.

(6) By February 1, 2012 and every 2 years thereafter, the department shall submit a report to the standing committees and appropriations subcommittees of the legislature with jurisdiction over issues pertaining to natural resources and the environment. The report shall provide information on how frequently motor vehicles for which the registrant declined to pay the recreation passport fee entered state parks and state-operated public boating access sites designated under section 78105 during the registration period. The information shall be based on random audits conducted by the department. A report under this subsection may be combined with a report required under subsection (5).

(7) The department may prepare a list of frequently asked questions and answers concerning the recreation passport fee. The department and the department of state may post the information on their websites. The department of state may provide the information with any applications for registration of motor vehicles that are mailed by the department of state.

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