

SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 1281

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled  
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"  
(MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 74124.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 74124. (1) The department shall create a "gem of the  
2 parks" award to recognize key state parks for their contribution  
3 to the state parks system, a "volunteer of the year" award to  
4 recognize outstanding individuals who donate time or monetary  
5 contributions to the state park system, and an "employee of the  
6 year" award to recognize individuals who are outstanding  
7 employees of the state park system. The department shall develop  
8 a program to facilitate the determination and presentation of  
9 these awards. The awards shall be made on a yearly basis.

10       (2) The department shall develop a set of standards to use in  
11 determining the recipients of the awards under subsection (1)

1 with consideration given to the following:

2 (a) The contribution of the state park, the volunteer, or the  
3 employee to the preservation of the state's natural resources.

4 (b) The amount of any monetary donation.

5 (c) The length of time donated or the years of employment.

6 (d) The length of a long-term commitment to the preservation  
7 of the environment.

8 (3) The department annually shall submit the names of the  
9 award recipients under subsection (1) to the standing committees  
10 in the senate and house of representatives responsible for  
11 natural resources matters.