

# SENATE BILL No. 759

October 7, 2003, Introduced by Senators PATTERSON, BERNERO, GARCIA, SANBORN and JELINEK and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 80140 (MCL 324.80140), as added by 1995 PA 58.

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

SENATE BILL No. 759

1       Sec. 80140. (1) In order to protect the public interest in  
2 the prudent and equitable use of the waters of this state and to  
3 enhance the enjoyment of pleasure boating and other recreational  
4 water sports on the waters of the state, the department shall  
5 establish and pursue comprehensive educational programs designed  
6 to advance boating and general water safety.

7       (2) The department shall put into effect a program to train  
8 youthful boat operators and shall issue a boating safety  
9 certificate to those who satisfactorily complete the program.

10 For the purpose of giving the courses of instruction and awarding

1 boating safety certificates, the department may designate as its  
2 agent any person it considers qualified to act in this capacity.  
3 A charge shall not be made for any instruction given or for the  
4 award of boating safety certificates.

5 (3) The department shall include in its educational programs  
6 under this section all of the following:

7 (a) Information on proper marine fueling techniques.

8 (b) Information on the problems that marine fuel spillage may  
9 cause to water bodies.

10 (c) Information on how and where to report a marine fuel  
11 spill.