

SENATE BILL No. 602

May 21, 2009, Introduced by Senators KUIPERS, CROPSEY, JELINEK, GILBERT, VAN WOERKOM, JANSEN and PAPPAGEORGE and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Bioeconomy.

A bill to amend 2002 PA 676, entitled
"Right to forest act,"
by amending section 3 (MCL 320.2033).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 3. As used in this act:

2 (a) "Commission" means the commission of ~~natural resources~~
3 **AGRICULTURE.**

4 (b) "Department" means the department of ~~natural resources~~
5 **AGRICULTURE.**

6 (c) "Forest" means a tract of land that is at least 10%
7 stocked by trees of any size, whether of commercial or
8 noncommercial species, or formerly having tree cover and not
9 currently developed for nonforest use, including woodlands,
10 woodlots, windbreaks, and shelter belts.

1 (d) "Forestry operations" means activities related to the
2 harvesting, reforestation, and other management activities,
3 including, but not limited to, thinning, pest control,
4 fertilization, and wildlife management, that are consistent with
5 principles of sustainable forestry.

6 (e) "Generally accepted forestry management practices" means
7 those forest management practices as prescribed by the commission.
8 In prescribing generally accepted forestry management practices,
9 the commission shall give due consideration to available department
10 information, written recommendations, and comments from the
11 department and other interested persons that may include, but are
12 not limited to, all of the following:

13 (i) The department of ~~agriculture~~ **NATURAL RESOURCES**.

14 (ii) The Michigan state university extension.

15 (iii) The United States department of agriculture agencies,
16 services, and programs.

17 (iv) College and university forestry programs.

18 (v) Professional, industry, and conservation organizations.

19 (f) "Landowner" means the possessor of a fee interest in land
20 or a tenant, lessee, occupant, or other person in lawful control of
21 land.

22 (g) "Sustainable forestry" means forestry practices that are
23 designed to meet present and future wood product needs by employing
24 a land stewardship ethic that integrates the reforestation,
25 managing, growing, nurturing, and harvesting of trees for useful
26 products with the conservation of soil, air and water quality,
27 wildlife and fish habitat, and visual changes.

1 (h) "Timber" means live or dead trees, including, but not
2 limited to, bark, foliage, wood, and firewood.

3 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
4 unless Senate Bill No. 603

5 of the 95th Legislature is enacted into law.