

**MICHIGAN HISTORICAL MARKERS ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 10 of 1955**

**399.159 Administration of program; gifts, grants, bequests, and appropriations; creation of historical marker fund; copyright and trademark provisions.**

Sec. 9. (1) The department may accept gifts, grants, bequests, and appropriations for the purpose of administering the Michigan historical marker program, including, but not limited to, the manufacture and placement of an official Michigan historical marker, repair and maintenance of a marker, program administration, application reviews, marker restoration, marker recovery, and enforcement of this act.

(2) The amounts received under subsection (1) shall be credited to a fund, which is created and shall be known as the historical marker fund. The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the historical marker fund and shall credit to the fund all interest and earnings earned from fund investments. Money in the historical marker fund at the close of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund and shall not lapse to the general fund. Notwithstanding any balance in the historical marker fund, nothing in this subsection shall obligate the department to pay for the maintenance, repair, or replacement of an official Michigan historical marker.

(3) The department may copyright the text on an official Michigan historical marker and may register as a trademark or service mark the logo, seal, and emblem associated with official Michigan historical markers. The department may license or sell rights to publish or otherwise use copyrighted marker text and to use the registered logo, seal, or emblem and shall deposit amounts received from sales and licensing in the historical marker fund created in subsection (2).

**History:** Add. 2002, Act 488, Imd. Eff. June 28, 2002.

**Compiler's note:** For transfer of powers and duties relating to promotion of history and the preservation of the state's historical resources to the department of natural resources, see E.R.O. No. 2009-26, compiled at MCL 399.752.