

HOUSE BILL No. 5607

January 16, 2008, Introduced by Rep. Calley and referred to the Committee on Tourism,
Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"
(MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 80114a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 80114A. (1) A MARINE LAW THAT PROHIBITS THE OPERATION OF
2 A MOTORIZED VESSEL ON A PORTION OF THE WATERWAYS OF THIS STATE
3 SHALL NOT BE ENFORCED AGAINST AN INDIVIDUAL WHO MEETS ALL OF THE
4 FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS:

5 (A) THE INDIVIDUAL HAS A DISABILITY THAT PREVENTS HIM OR HER
6 FROM ROWING OR PADDLING A VESSEL.

7 (B) THE INDIVIDUAL HAS IN HIS OR HER POSSESSION A MARINE
8 EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE.

9 (C) THE INDIVIDUAL IS OPERATING A VESSEL USING AN ELECTRIC

1 MOTOR AT SLOW—NO WAKE SPEED.

2 (2) THIS SECTION DOES NOT EXEMPT AN INDIVIDUAL FROM COMPLIANCE
3 WITH ANY OTHER MARINE LAW.

4 (3) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY OBTAIN A MARINE EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE
5 FROM A SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BY PRESENTING A PHYSICIAN'S ATTESTATION
6 THAT THE PHYSICIAN HAS EXAMINED THE INDIVIDUAL AND DETERMINED THAT
7 THE INDIVIDUAL HAS A DISABILITY THAT PREVENTS HIM OR HER FROM
8 ROWING OR PADDLING A VESSEL.

9 (4) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AND MAKE AVAILABLE FOR USE AS
10 PRESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION A PHYSICIAN'S ATTESTATION FORM AND A
11 MARINE EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE.