

SENATE BILL No. 1061

March 29, 2012, Introduced by Senators MOOLENAAR, GREEN, BRANDENBURG, BOOHER and CASPERSON and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 50301 and 50302 (MCL 324.50301 and 324.50302), as added by 1995 PA 57.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 50301. The ~~department~~ **DEPARTMENTS OF AGRICULTURE AND**
2 **RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES** shall **JOINTLY** do all of the
3 following:

4 (a) Advise the legislature and the governor on forest
5 management and development and other matters relevant to the
6 development of the forest products industry in this state.

7 (b) Develop a forestry development plan to improve the state's
8 business climate for forestry, assure a stable timber supply, and
9 coordinate public and private forestry activities.

1 (c) Identify the needs of the forest products industry.

2 (d) Promote and encourage the development of the forest
3 products industry in this state.

4 (e) Promote and encourage the expansion of existing forest
5 products companies in this state and attract new forest products
6 companies to locate in this state.

7 (f) Perform other functions the department considers necessary
8 for the development of the forest products industry in this state.

9 (g) Promote and encourage the use of this state's forest
10 products by other states and for export.

11 Sec. 50302. The ~~department~~**DEPARTMENTS OF AGRICULTURE AND**
12 **RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES, JOINTLY**, shall annually
13 report to the governor and the legislature on its activities to
14 promote the development of the forest products industry in this
15 state.