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House Committee Approves Shoreline Maintenance Bill

BAY CITY, Michigan – March 21, 2003 – Save Our Shoreline announces that yesterday, the Michigan House of Representatives Committee on Great Lakes and Tourism approved H.B. 4257, which would clarify the right of public and private shoreline owners to maintain their beaches by the leveling of sand, removal of vegetation, and grooming up to the first 4 inches of sand on their beaches. The Bill, presented by Republican Majority Whip Brian Palmer of Romeo, and with bipartisan co-sponsors, was approved by a vote of 8 to 1, and will now proceed to the full House.

Along with SOS presenters Ernie Krygier and David Powers, other presenters before the committee included Representative Palmer, State Senator James Barcia, and Representative Dale Sheltrown. "These men are not just politicians, they are true leaders who understand what is best for Michigan," said Ernie Krygier, SOS President. SOS is urging its members and others interested in preserving Michigan's beaches to write their legislators and Governor Granholm, urging them to support this bill and the companion bill introduced in the Senate by Senator Barcia, Senate Bill 244.

Founded in 2001, Save Our Shoreline is a nonprofit membership basis corporation of 1,650 households committed to the preservation of beaches and waterfront areas, and to the protection of rights to maintain beaches and waterfront areas. Those interested in Save Our Shoreline can find more information at <<u>http://www.saveourshoreline.org/</u>> or by calling (989) 667-2910. For more information about this press release, contact Ernie Krygier at (989) 793-3711.

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