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House Bill 5555 (Substitute H-2 as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Representative Mike Green

House Committee: Agriculture and Forestry

Senate Committee: Agriculture and Forestry

### **CONTENT**

The bill would create the "Michigan Aquaculture Development Act" to establish and regulate aquaculture as an agricultural enterprise in the State and to do the following:

- Establish a list of approved species for aquacultural production.
- Prohibit a person from engaging in aquaculture unless he or she obtained a registration from the Department of Agriculture as an aquaculture facility or obtained an aquaculture research permit. The bill also would provide for the denial, suspension, or revocation of a registration or permit under certain circumstances.
- Establish fees for an initial application for or renewal of an aquaculture facility registration and an aquaculture research permit.
- Provide for the inspection by the Department of Agriculture of an aquaculture facility or confinement research facility.
- Establish penalties for violations of the bill or a rule promulgated under it.

The bill would take effect 90 days after being enacted.

Legislative Analyst: L. Arasim

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

It is believed that there are 100 aquaculture businesses in Michigan, which would produce revenue to the State of \$10,000 (100 x \$100) the first year and \$7,500 (100 x \$75) each year thereafter. The Department of Agriculture would have additional licensing and regulating duties, which would be accomplished through an existing program manager and the addition of about a half clerical position and some contractual services, supplies and materials paid from the new revenues. There would be no fiscal impact on local governments.

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