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House Bill 5222 (as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Tom Alley
House Committee: Conservation, Environment and Recreation
Senate Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to require the State to retain an easement to continue the use of a Michigan railway, off-road vehicle trail, or a snowmobile trail, as established under the Act, if the State sold or transferred land containing the trail or railway.

Under the Act, a railway may be designated as a "Michigan railway" if it complies with the following: is located on public land; meets public safety and designated use standards; is available for designated recreation uses on a nondiscriminatory basis; is a multiuse trail; is or may be a segment of a network of trailways; is marked with a Michigan railway sign and logo; is not directly attached to a roadway; and offers support facilities for the public where feasible.

Proposed MCL 324. 2102a

Legislative Analyst: N. Nagata

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have an indeterminate, but minimal, fiscal impact on State and local government by potentially reducing the value of State land for sale due to the State's retention of a permanent trail easement. However, the bill also could help clarify property rights and avoid potential legal costs to the State.

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