



Romney Building, 10th Floor
Lansing, Michigan 48909
Phone: 517/373-6466

THIN ICE

House Bill 4320

Sponsor: Rep. William Callahan

Committee: Family and Civil Law

Complete to 3-9-99

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4320 AS INTRODUCED 2-23-99

The bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to prohibit people and vehicles from going out onto the frozen surface of any lake, stream, river, or other body of water, if the ice was not safe. Whenever, due to climate conditions, the ice on a particular body of water could not safely support people or vehicles, the Department of Natural Resources could issue an order prohibiting people or vehicles from going out onto the ice. If an such order was issued, the department would have to post an appropriate sign that stated both the danger and the substance of the order. Anyone who violated a properly issued and posted order would be responsible for a state civil infraction and subject to a civil fine of up to \$500.

MCL 324.80198c

House Bill 4320 (3-9-99)

Analyst: W. Flory

■ This analysis was prepared by nonpartisan House staff for use by House members in their deliberations, and does not constitute an official statement of legislative intent.