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## ROAD RELINQUISHMENT

House Bill 5875

Sponsor: Rep. Robert Gosselin

Committee: Transportation

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### A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5875 AS INTRODUCED 6-7-00

House Bill 5875 would amend Public Act 296 of 1969, which concerns the transfer of jurisdiction over highways, to set procedures for relinquishing roads in counties that have more than one million residents.

Under the bill, in a county with a population over 1,000,000, the board of county road commissioners could request that the governing body of a city or village transfer to the commission the jurisdiction of a road that was once under the road commission's purview, if the road commission made all of the following findings:

a) the road had been blocked for more than six months without a legitimate reason (the bill specifies that the fact that a city or village had jurisdiction over the road at the time of the request of the board of county road commissioners would not be a legitimate reason for blocking the road); and,

b) for purposes of health, safety, and welfare, the road should not be blocked.

House Bill 5875 would require that the request by the county road commission for a transfer of jurisdiction be made in writing and addressed to the governing body of the city or village that had jurisdiction over the road. If within 90 days after the written request was received, the governing body had not consented to transfer jurisdiction, or had not articulated a legitimate reason for blocking the road, the road commissioners could initiate proceedings to transfer jurisdiction back to the commission.

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