S.B. 515 (S-1): FLOOR ANALYSIS

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Senate Bill 515 (Substitute S-1 as reported) Sponsor: Senator Mat J. Dunaskiss Committee: Local, Urban and State Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 305 (Natural Rivers) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA) to provide that, in establishing a zoning ordinance, a local unit of government would have to conform to the Township Zoning Act or the County Zoning Act, including the variance provisions of those Acts. Currently, the NREPA requires a local unit to conform to those Acts in establishing a zoning ordinance.

The NREPA also requires the Department of Natural Resources to promulgate a zoning rule to implement Part 305. The bill specifies that a variance from the zoning rule could be applied for and granted pursuant to Section 4 of the Uniform Condemnation Procedures Act. (Under that section, if acquiring a portion of a parcel needed by an agency would leave the remainder of the parcel in nonconformity with a zoning ordinance, the agency may apply for a zoning variance for the remainder of the parcel.)

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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