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House Bill 5193 (Substitute H-1 as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Representative Terry Geiger

House Committee: Conservation and Outdoor Recreation

Senate Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 801 (Marine Safety) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to prohibit a person from setting, placing, erecting, or using an anchored raft at any time on waters under Michigan jurisdiction, unless the name and address of the owner were affixed to the anchored raft above the waterline in legible letters at least two inches in height, readily visible, and consisting of materials that were not water soluble. The bill specifies that placing the owner's name and address on a piece of wood and affixing it to the anchored raft would not constitute compliance with this requirement.

A person who violated the bill would be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for up to 30 days and/or a fine of at least \$100 but not more than \$500, and costs of prosecution. Upon conviction, the court would have to order the defendant to reimburse the governmental entity that removed or provided for the removal of the anchored raft from the water an amount equal to three times the cost of removal.

MCL 324.80163

Legislative Analyst: N. Nagata

FISCAL IMPACT

House Bill 5193 (H-1) would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on local units of government. There are no data available to indicate how many offenders could place a raft in State waters without proper identification. Since the offense would be a misdemeanor, local units of government would receive the fine revenue or incur the cost of incarceration.

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