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THE APPARENT PROBLEM:

The Senate Law Revision Task Force was established in June 1999 and was charged with reviewing existing state statutes and recommending repeal or amendment of those laws that were found to be obsolete or irrelevant to present-day life in Michigan. To identify such laws, the task force sought the input of the public, the law enforcement community, and various legal associations and entities, including the Michigan Law Revision Commission, the State Bar of Michigan, legislators, judges, and prosecutors. After review, the task force issued a report in December 1999, recommending that various laws or sections of laws be repealed or that provisions be eliminated.

Many bills to carry out the task force's recommendations were passed during the 1999-2000 legislative session. Now, more such bills are proposed, including one to eliminate a law that authorized negotiations to build a bridge that has long since been built.

THE CONTENT OF THE BILL:

Senate Bill 1056 would repeal Public Act 191 of 1955, which authorized negotiations for a bridge across the Menominee River between Menominee, Michigan, and Marinette, Wisconsin.

MCL 254.131

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

According to the House Fiscal Agency, the bill would have no state or local fiscal impact. (3-11-02)

REPEAL OUT-DATED LAW

Senate Bill 1056 as passed by the Senate First Analysis (5-2-02)

Sponsor: Sen. Thaddeus McCotter House Committee: House Oversight and

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Senate Committee: Government

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ARGUMENTS:

For:

Public Act 191 of 1955 was recommended for repeal by the Senate Law Revision Task Force, as the bridge in question has been completed.

POSITIONS:

There are no positions on the bill.

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