

INCREASE "SWAMP TAX"

House Bill 4133
Sponsor: Rep. Ken Bradstreet
Committee: Tax Policy

Complete to 8-7-01

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4133 AS INTRODUCED 2-6-01

Under current law, the state pays \$2 per acre (or major portion of an acre) to counties for certain state-owned land under the control of the Department of Natural Resources. The revenue is disbursed 50 percent to the county general fund and 50 percent to the general fund of the appropriate township. The payment, sometimes called "the swamp tax", is for recreation and forest lands purchased by the state before 1933 or deeded to the state for nonpayment of taxes.

House Bill 4133 would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA) to increase the state payment (or "swamp tax") from \$2 to \$2.86 per acre or major portion of an acre. The bill contains an effective date of January 1, 2001.

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