

# Fiscal Analysis

## WATERCRAFT MANUFACTURER AND DEALER ACT



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**Bill/Sponsor**                      **HOUSE BILL 4808 (H-1)**, Rep. Randy Richardville

**House Committee**                Regulatory Reform

**Analysis**                              **Summary**  
House Bill 4808 would repeal Public Act 88 of 1989 and replace it with what would be known as the Watercraft Manufacturer and Dealer Act. The bill would regulate the relationships between watercraft manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers, and dealers. The bill also regulates dealings with dealers and consumers and provides for remedies and penalties in cases of unfair practices.

**Fiscal Impact**

The fiscal impact to the State and local units of government is indeterminate. Both the State of Michigan and its local units of government benefit from a healthy economy. A healthy economy is partially comprised of an increasing tax base, both in businesses and households, as well as movement towards full employment. It is not clear what the economic effects of this bill would be on Michigan watercraft manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers, dealers or their representatives, or whether prices of consumer products within this industry would remain the same, increase or decrease.

The bill would have an indeterminate impact on state and local justice systems, depending on how it affected the frequency of civil litigation (civil filing fees contribute to a variety of justice-related programs), and the numbers of misdemeanor convictions (misdemeanor penalties are a local responsibility).

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