

# Fiscal Analysis

## SNOWMOBILE GRANTS TO COUNTIES



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**Bill/Sponsor**                      **HOUSE BILL 5027 , H-1, Rep. John R. Pastor**

**House Committee**                **Great Lakes and Tourism**

### **Analysis**

#### **Summary**

This bill would limit the amount of grant funds provided for local snowmobile enforcement efforts to \$1.6 million. Any amount collected above this amount each year, as well as any lapses from funds appropriated for law enforcement purposes, would be deposited into the Snowmobile Registration Fee Fund and used for trail improvement and development through grants to local governments, and nonprofit clubs and associations. The current amount provided for this purpose in the FY 2003-2004 budget act is \$6.5 million. These trail improvement grants no longer would be distributed through a distribution formula. Instead, the Department of Natural Resources would seek input from the Snowmobile Advisory Committee prior to the award of grant funds. Grants could be used for equipment purchase and maintenance, the acquisition of land, and the repair and development of snowmobile trails.

#### **Fiscal Impact**

The amount provided for local snowmobile enforcement grants would be reduced, but the amount removed from this grant purpose would be granted for trail development and improvement.

There would be no fiscal impact on State Government. There would be no net fiscal impact on local governmental units, however the amount of grant assistance available to local governments for snowmobile trail development would increase.

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