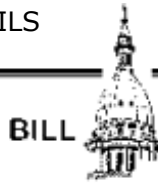




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BILL ANALYSIS

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Senate Bill 978 (as introduced 12-6-07)
Sponsor: Senator Tony Stamas
Committee: Commerce and Tourism

Date Completed: 5-19-08

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to require the Natural Resources Trust Fund board to give particular consideration to acquiring land and rights for trails that intersect downtown areas.

Under the Act, the board must determine which land and rights in land within Michigan should be acquired and which public recreation facilities should be developed with money from the Natural Resources Trust Fund. Each January, the board must submit to the Legislature a list of the land and rights in land and the public recreation facilities that the board has determined should be acquired or developed with Trust Fund money, compiled in order of priority. Under the bill, in preparing that list, the board would have to give particular consideration to the acquisition of land and rights in land for recreational trails that intersect the downtown areas of cities and villages.

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Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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