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House Bill 4597 (Substitute H-1 as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Representative Matthew Gillard

House Committee: Tourism, Outdoor Recreation, and Natural Resources

Senate Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to require the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to do all of the following:

- Keep land under its control open to hunting unless the Department determined that it should be closed to hunting because of public safety, fish or wildlife management, or homeland security concerns or as otherwise required by law.
- Manage land under its control to support and promote hunting opportunities to the extent authorized by law.
- Manage land under its control to prevent any net decrease in the acreage of land open to hunting.

Beginning April 1, 2008, the DNR would have to submit to the Legislature an annual report that included all of the following:

- The location and acreage of land under its control previously open to hunting that the Department closed to hunting during the one-year period ending the preceding March 1, together with the reasons for the closure.
- The location and acreage of land under its control previously closed to hunting that the Department opened to hunting during the one-year period ending the preceding March 1 to compensate for land closed to hunting.

These requirements would not apply to commercial forestland.

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

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

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