



Senate Fiscal Agency
P. O. Box 30036
Lansing, Michigan 48909-7536

BILL ANALYSIS



Telephone: (517) 373-5383
Fax: (517) 373-1986
TDD: (517) 373-0543

House Bill 5607 (as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Brian Calley
House Committee: Tourism, Outdoor Recreation, and Natural Resources
Senate Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

Date Completed: 3-17-08

CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 801 (Marine Safety) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to allow an individual who was disabled to operate a motorized vessel where it was otherwise prohibited, if certain conditions were met.

Specifically, a marine law that prohibited the operation of a motorized vessel on a portion of the State's waterways could not be enforced against an individual who met all of the following qualifications:

- The individual had a disability that prevented him or her from rowing or paddling a vessel.
- The individual had in his or her possession a marine exemption certificate.
- The individual was operating a vessel using an electric motor at a slow-no wake speed.

An individual could obtain a marine exemption certificate from a sheriff's department by presenting a physician's attestation that the physician had examined the individual and determined that he or she had a disability that prevented him or her from rowing or paddling a vessel.

The Department of Natural Resources would have to develop and make available for use as prescribed in the bill a physician's attestation form and a marine exemption certificate.

The bill's provisions would not exempt an individual from compliance with any other marine law.

Proposed MCL 324.80114a

Legislative Analyst: Julie Cassidy

FISCAL IMPACT

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

Fiscal Analyst: Jessica Runnels

S0708\5607sa

This analysis was prepared by nonpartisan Senate staff for use by the Senate in its deliberations and does not constitute an official statement of legislative intent.