

Legislative Analysis



EXPORTATION OF MINNOWS, WIGGLERS, AND CRAYFISH AS BAIT

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House Bill 5053

Sponsor: Rep. Mike Shirkey

Committee: Natural Resources, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5053 AS INTRODUCED 10-11-11

The bill would amend Section 48729 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to allow individuals in possession of the appropriate permit to transport live minnows, wigglers, or crayfish outside of Michigan. Currently, live minnows, wigglers, and crayfish are not allowed to be transported outside of the state.

Specifically, the bill would remove a provision that requires minnows, wigglers, or crayfish to be preserved in liquid and bottled for fish bait. It also would eliminate language that allows the Department of Natural Resources to limit the taking of minnows by a licensed individual for preservation for fish bait purposes to 15 or fewer days per year.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 5053 would have no significant fiscal impact on the Department of Natural Resources.

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