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House Bill 5414 (Substitute S-1 as reported)

Sponsor: Representative Frank Foster

House Committee: Natural Resources, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation

Senate Committee: Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend Part 751 (Dark Sky Preserve) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to do the following:

- Designate certain land in Emmet and Huron Counties as dark sky preserves.
- Prohibit the establishment of a dark sky preserve in the Upper Peninsula.
- Provide that the use and development of land within a dark sky preserve, including motorized and nonmotorized recreational use, could not be restricted due to the designation.

Part 751 designates specific State-owned land at Lake Hudson in Lenawee County as a dark sky preserve. The bill also would designate the following as dark sky preserves:

- The State-owned land encompassing Wilderness State Park and the State forestland within Bliss Township, Cross Village Township, and Wawatam in Emmet County.
- The portions of Port Crescent State Park lying north and west of the Pinnebog River in a specific section of Hume Township, Huron County.

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Legislative Analyst: Julie Cassidy

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

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

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