Legislative Analysis

ALLOW THE EXPORTATION OF MICHIGAN MINNOWS, WIGGLERS, AND CRAYFISH

House Bill 5552 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Julie Alexander
Committee: Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 5552 would amend Part 487 (Sport Fishing) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to allow minnows, wigglers, or crayfish[1] taken from Michigan waters to be exported from the state under certain circumstances.

Currently under the act, a person cannot export minnows, wigglers, or crayfish unless the person has a permit from the Department of Natural Resources to do so. However, the permit allows a person to export from Michigan only minnows, wigglers, or crayfish that were harvested from waters outside Michigan's jurisdictional border and imported wholesale into the state. Minnows, wigglers, and crayfish taken from Michigan waters cannot be exported from Michigan.[2]

The bill would amend these provisions to allow a permit holder to export from Michigan minnows, wigglers, and crayfish taken from Michigan waters.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 5552 is unlikely to affect costs or revenues for the Department of Natural Resources or local governments.

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[1] For purposes of the these provisions, ***minnows*** means chubs, shiners, suckers, when of a size ordinarily used for bait in hook and line fishing, dace, stonerollers, muddlers, and mudminnows; ***wigglers*** means mayfly nymphs or any other aquatic insect nymphs or larvae; and ***crayfish*** means any arthropod of the decapoda family.
[2] See https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-350-79136_79236_80538_80539---,00.html