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House Bill 4206 (as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative John R. Roth
House Committee: Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation
Senate Committee: Natural Resources

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CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 821 (Snowmobiles) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to require the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to designate, before the start of each snowmobile season, one weekend of each snowmobile season which a trail permit for a snowmobile would not be required to operate a snowmobile on snowmobile trails.

Currently, Part 821 requires a person who desires to operate a snowmobile in Michigan to purchase a Michigan snowmobile trail permit sticker (in addition to a snowmobile registration).

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Legislative Analyst: Eleni Lionas

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on the DNR and no fiscal impact on local units of government. The amount of the impact is indeterminate and would depend on whether the bill caused a reduction in the number of snowmobile trail permits issued. If there were a reduction in permit volume, the fiscal impact would be equal to the Department's loss in snowmobile permit revenue. The fiscal year 2020-21 revenue deposited into the Snowmobile Trail Improvement Fund from snowmobile trail permit sales totaled approximately \$6.5 million. Most of the trail permit revenue goes to support the recreational snowmobile trail improvement subaccount, but a portion is divided by statute between two other areas: the agent selling the permit (\$1 per permit) and the DNR for administering the program (\$0.50 per permit).

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