

Legislative Analysis



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House Bill 4013 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Bradley Slagh
Committee: Natural Resources and Tourism
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4013 would amend section 73102 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA), which addresses circumstances under which a person is prohibited from entering or remaining on another person's property to engage in a recreational activity or trapping without consent.

Among other situations, a person cannot enter without permission if the property has signage prohibiting entry posted in a conspicuous manner, with a minimum letter height on the posting signs of one inch and each sign at least 50 square inches. The signs must be spaced to enable a person to observe at least one sign at any point of entry upon the property.

The bill would remove the above spacing requirement and instead provide that the signs must be posted at intervals of no more than 250 feet along the boundary of the property in order for unauthorized entrance to the property to be prohibited.

MCL 324.73102

BACKGROUND:

The bill is a reintroduction of HB 4682 of the 2023-24 legislative session, which was passed by the House of Representatives.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4013 is unlikely to affect costs or revenues for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) or local governments. The DNR budget for FY 2024-25 totals \$534.6 million Gross (\$76.8 million GF/GP) and 2,545.3 FTE positions.

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