



**House  
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## EXCHANGE BEAVER CREEK PROPERTY

House Bill 6278 as introduced  
First Analysis (12-4-90)

Sponsor: Rep. Ralph Ostling  
Committee: State Affairs

### ***THE APPARENT PROBLEM:***

The Department of Military Affairs has approximately 147,500 acres of land under its jurisdiction at Camp Grayling, its training camp in Crawford County. However, not all of this land lies within the camp's boundaries; some of the state-owned land lies outside the boundaries, and some private parcels of land lie within the boundaries. This sometimes leads to confusion, since it is often difficult for troops to know whether they are on state land or whether they are trespassing on private property. To alleviate this problem, the department's policy has been to exchange tracts of state-owned land outside the camp's boundaries for tracts of private property that lie within the boundaries, whenever the opportunities present themselves. A parcel of land is currently available in Maple Forest Township, and legislation is needed to effect an exchange.

### ***THE CONTENT OF THE BILL:***

The bill would require the state military board to convey state-owned property in Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, for property of equal or greater value in Maple Forest Township, Crawford County. The conveyances would be made by quitclaim deed, approved by the attorney general.

### ***FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:***

According to the Department of Military Affairs, each of the parcels of land that would be affected by the proposed exchange have been appraised at \$20,000. (11-3-90)

### ***ARGUMENTS:***

#### ***For:***

The bill would authorize the transfer of property that is of little value to the state. The state-owned parcel of property lies on a main thoroughfare, and could be used to build a private home. The private property that lies within the camp's boundaries is much larger, but the land is swampy and of little use for building. Exchanging these two pieces of land would enable the Department of Military Affairs in developing more clear-cut boundaries around Camp Grayling.

### ***POSITIONS:***

The Department of Military Affairs supports the bill. (11-30-90)