



BILL ANALYSIS

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Senate Bill 739 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Joseph S. Mack
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RATIONALE

Commercial fishing guides from Wisconsin reportedly have been bringing groups of people into the Wester Upper Peninsula to fish in Michigan's inland lakes. Often, such lakes are stocked periodically by the owners of lakefront property, and the residents resent the out-of-state guides' practice of taking nonresidents on fishing expeditions on the lakes. Some people believe that nonresident commercial fishing guides should not be permitted to operate on Michigan's inland lakes.

Lakeshore residents and both Michigan and out-of-state tourists properly fishing with valid fishing licenses should not have to contend with competition for those resources with large groups of nonresidents.

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Sports Fishing Law to prohibit a nonresident from acting as a "commercial fishing guide" on Michigan's inland waters. (A "commercial fishing guide" would be a person who, for a fee or other consideration of value, was present and provided assistance to others in pursuing, catching, capturing, taking, killing, or attempting to take fish.)

Proposed MCL 301.5c

FISCAL IMPACT

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

ARGUMENTS

Supporting Argument

The stock of fish in Michigan's inland lakes should not be subject to taking by nonresident commercial fishing guides and their customers.

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