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SWAMP TAX INCREASE

House Bill 5812

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Committee: Tax Policy

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5812 AS INTRODUCED 4-30-98

Under current law, the state pays \$2 per acre (or major portion of an acre) to counties on tax reverted, recreation, and forest lands under the control and supervision of the Department of Natural Resources. The revenue is disbursed 50 percent to the county general fund and 50 percent to the general fund of the township in which the land is located. This is sometimes called "the swamp tax." House Bill 5812 would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to increase the tax from \$2 to \$2.86 per acre or major portion of an acre, and to require that the amount be adjusted annually. The bill is tie-barred to House Bill 4816, which would require the state treasurer to adjust this figure at the end of each calendar year to reflect the cumulative annual change in the consumer price index.

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