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House Bill 5960 (Substitute H-1 as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Representative John Stakoe

House Committee: Local Government and Urban Policy

Senate Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend Part 781 (Michigan State Waterways Commission) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to do the following:

- Allow a township to regulate by ordinance activities at a public boating access site owned by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and located on an inland lake or stream, as long as the scope of the ordinance did not exceed the scope of applicable DNR rules or orders.
- Provide that the definition of "waterways account" in Part 781 would apply only if Public Act 587 of 2004 takes effect, as a result of Joint Resolution Z of 2004 becoming a part of the State Constitution.

Under Part 781, "waterways account" means the waterways account of the Michigan Conservation and Recreation Legacy Fund, which is established in the State Constitution under House Joint Resolution Z of 2004.

The joint resolution was submitted to and approved by voters at the November 7, 2006, general election as Proposal 06-1. The joint resolution establishes the Legacy Fund within the State Constitution, and establishes previously existing conservation and recreation accounts as components of the Fund. Under the joint resolution, the former Michigan State Waterways Fund, Harbor Development Fund, and Marine Safety Fund were combined into the waterways account within the Legacy Fund. The adoption of the ballot proposal allows Public Act 587 of 2004 (House Bill 5870) to take effect. That act amends the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to establish the former funds as accounts within the new Legacy Fund.

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

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

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