

Legislative Analysis



BAN JUMPING AND SWIMMING FROM GREAT LAKES PIERS

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Senate Bill 629 (Proposed Substitute H-1)

Sponsor: Sen. Ron Jelinek

House Committee: Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources

Senate Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

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A SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL 629 (PROPOSED H-1)

The bill would amend Part 801 (Marine Safety) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to:

- Allow the legislative body of a political subdivision to adopt an ordinance banning jumping, diving, or swimming from a publicly-owned pier, jetty, or breakwater located in the Great Lakes or their connecting waters.
- Specify that this type of local ordinance would *not* apply to:
 - Any person undertaking a rescue.
 - Authorized public safety personnel conducting training.
 - A scuba diver possessing proof of certification from a nationally-recognized agency.
 - A person being trained as a scuba diver under the supervision of a scuba instructor possessing proof of certification as a scuba instructor from a nationally-recognized agency.
 - A person launching a surfboard, boogie board, or body board to surf so long as the device is attached to the person with a leash or cord and the device is not inflatable.
- Require that a violation of a local ordinance under this section designate a violation as a municipal civil infraction subject to a civil fine of not more than \$500.
- Specify that Part 801 would apply to "water-based activities" in addition to vessels and associated equipment used on waters subject to the jurisdiction of the State of Michigan.

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