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GREAT LAKES PROTECTION SPECIALTY WATERCRAFT DECAL SALES

House Bill 5308 (proposed substitute H-1)
Sponsor: Rep. Ken Borton
Committee: Natural Resources and Tourism
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 5308 would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA) to remove a provision that currently ends authorization for the sale of Great Lakes Protection Specialty Watercraft decals if fewer than 500 decals sell in a fiscal year.

The bill would take effect one year after its enactment.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 5308 is likely to increase revenue for the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) by providing a renewed revenue stream to the Great Lakes Protection Fund. The extent of this revenue increase is unclear at present and will hinge on the number of decals sold. This fund supports appropriations for information technology and departmental administration, including executive direction and environmental support. The bill not likely to affect EGLE costs, local government revenues, or local government costs.

In addition, the bill would result in a nominal increase in revenue to the Department of State from receiving $10 from the sale of each $35 decal. The fee would cover the cost to the Department of State for creating and administering distribution of the decal.

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