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Senate Bill 626 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Senate Bill 627 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator Jim Marleau
Committee: Transportation

CONTENT

Senate Bill 626 (S-1) would amend the Aeronautics Code to authorize the Michigan Aeronautics Commission, by rule, to provide for the landing, operation, and take-off of seaplanes on and from the State's waters.

The bill also specifies that, to ensure safety and uniformity in the operation of aircraft on the waters of the State, the authority of the Commission would be exclusive to the extent exercised by rule of the Commission, and any rule promulgated would control over any charter, ordinance, or other regulation of a political subdivision. However, a rule promulgated under the bill would not control over a charter provision, ordinance, or other regulation of a political subdivision that restricted the landing, docking, and take-off of seaplanes from the waters of the State if the provision, ordinance, or regulation were adopted before January 1, 2016, and the Commission could not promulgate a rule to attempt to supersede such a provision, ordinance, or regulation.

Senate Bill 627 would amend Part 801 (Marine Safety) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to specify that Part 801 would not apply to the landing, operation, and take-off of seaplanes on and from waters subject to the jurisdiction of the State, to the extent that the activity was regulated by rules promulgated under the Aeronautics Code.

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324.80105 (S.B. 627)

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FISCAL IMPACT

Senate Bill 626 (S-1) would not have a direct impact on State or local government; however, granting rule-making power to the Aeronautics Commission regarding seaplane operations has the potential to minimally increase revenue, by fees, or expenditures, as administrative costs, for both the State and local units of government.

Senate Bill 627 would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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