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House Bill 4979 (Substitute H-2 as reported with amendment)
Sponsor: Representative Allen Lowe
House Committee: Regulatory Affairs
Senate Committee: Local, Urban and State Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would authorize the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), on behalf of the State, to convey to Grayling Township for \$1 property under the DNR's jurisdiction located in Grayling Township, in Crawford County.

The conveyance would have to provide that the property would have to be used exclusively for public recreational purposes and that upon termination of that use or use for any other purpose, the State could reenter and repossess the property, terminating the grantee's estate in the property. In addition, the conveyance would have to provide that if the grantee disputed the State's exercise of its right of reentry and failed to deliver promptly possession of the property to the State, the Attorney General, on behalf of the State, could bring an action to quiet title to, and regain possession of, the property. The conveyance also would have to provide that if any fee, term, or condition were imposed on members of the public for recreational use of the conveyed property, or if any of those fees, terms, or conditions were waived for use of any area or facility, all resident and nonresident members of the public would be subject to the same fees, terms, conditions, or waivers.

The conveyance would have to be by quitclaim deed approved by the Attorney General and would have to convey all rights held by the State to coal, oil, gas, and other minerals found on or under the property conveyed. The revenue received under the bill would have to be deposited in the State Treasury and credited to the General Fund.

Legislative Analyst: L. Arasim

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact of the bill is indeterminate. To the extent that the parcel proposed to be conveyed would have potential value to the State, either derived from the harvest and sale of products from the land, or from other uses that might benefit the State, and this value would be lost because of the conveyance, the bill could have a negative fiscal impact on the State. According to officials at the DNR, however, the land is possibly best sited as recreational land.

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