

Legislative Analysis



RECREATION PASSPORT AMENDMENT

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House Bill 5049

Sponsor: Rep. Tom McMillin

Committee: Natural Resources, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5049 AS INTRODUCED 10-6-11

The bill would amend Section 805 of the Michigan Vehicle Code to modify the required language on a motor vehicle registration application concerning the recreation passport.

Public Act 35 of 2010 amended the Vehicle Code to allow a Michigan resident to obtain a state park and state-operated public boating access site recreation passport by paying an additional fee when registering a motor vehicle.

The Vehicle Code currently requires a motor vehicle registration application to contain at least the following information, in substantially the same format and language, (except the amount of the passport fee is only \$5.00 for a motorcycle):

\$ [Amount] Annual vehicle registration or renewal
\$10.00 Annual authorization to use this vehicle for unlimited entry into all Michigan state parks and recreation areas and DNR-operated state boating access sites (Check one of the boxes below.)
_____ I elect to pay this \$10.00 fee.
_____ I elect not to pay this \$10.00 fee.
 This vehicle will not be used to enter the facilities described above.
\$ _____ Total amount due.

For individuals electing not to pay the \$10 recreation passport fee, House Bill 5049 would remove "*this vehicle will not be used to enter the facilities described above*" and replace it with "***I am not interested in a recreation passport at this time.***"

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FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 5049 would have no fiscal impact on state or local government.

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