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House Bill 4846 (Substitute S-2 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)

Sponsor: Representative Wayne Schmidt

House Committee: Natural Resources, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation

Senate Committee: Outdoor Recreation and Tourism

CONTENT

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

- Require a vessel operator to comply with marine safety equipment requirements of the Department of Natural Resources, and designate a violation as a State civil infraction punishable by a maximum civil fine of \$100.
- Require a person to wear a proper personal flotation device in order to be towed by a vessel.
- Provide that towing a person in violation of prescribed safety requirements would be a State civil infraction punishable by a maximum civil fine of \$100.

The bill would take effect on November 1, 2012.

MCL 324.80104 et al.

Legislative Analyst: Julie Cassidy

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have an indeterminate, but likely minor, fiscal impact on State and local government. State and local units could incur marginal increases in labor cost due to enforcement. There are no data to indicate how many marine vessel operators would be found in violation of this statute, but any revenue from the civil fines of up to \$100 would benefit public libraries.

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