

Legislative Analysis



ALLOW DRAG RACING AT SILVER LAKE STATE PARK

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House Bill 4980 (H-1) as reported from committee
Sponsor: Rep. Scott VanSingel
Committee: Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation
Complete to 6-24-21

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(Enacted as Public Act 77 of 2021)

SUMMARY:

House Bill 4980 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to allow *drag racing* at Silver Lake State Park.

Drag race means the operation of two or more vehicles from a point side by side at accelerating speeds in a competitive attempt to out-distance each other over a common selected course or where timing is involved or where timing devices are used in competitive accelerations of speeds by participating vehicles.

The code currently prohibits drag racing on a highway or any other place open to the general public, including parking lots. The bill would add a single exception for the Silver Lake State Park scramble area.¹

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FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4980 is unlikely to affect costs or revenues for the Department of Natural Resources or local governments.

POSITIONS:

A representative of the Silver Lake Recreation Area testified in support of the bill. (6-17-21)

The Michigan Snowmobile and ORV Association indicated support for the bill. (6-17-21)

A representative of the Department of Natural Resources testified with a neutral position on the bill. (6-17-21)

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¹ The scramble area consists of 450-acres of sand dunes for ORVs within the state park. See: <https://www2.dnr.state.mi.us/parksandtrails/Details.aspx?id=206&type=SPTR>