



MICHIGAN  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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Minutes of the House Standing Committee  
on  
Tourism

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Thursday, September 11, 2014                      9:00 a.m.                      Room 326 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Tourism was called to order by Representative Peter Pettalia, Chair.

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The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives Pettalia, Goike, Genetski, Rendon, Pagel, Kosowski, and Kivela. (7/9)**

Member absent and excused was **Representatives Crawford and Brunner. (2/9)**

The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

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The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of May 28, 2014 as printed.

**Representative Goike moved to adopt the minutes of May 28, 2014 as printed.**

**There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.**

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The Chair laid before the committee House Bill 5722.

**HB 5722 (Rendon)**                      Watercraft; registration; small boats using a portable electric motor; exempt from registration fees.

Representative Rendon, the bill sponsor, explained the bill as well as his substitute (H-1) to the committee members. Following his explanation of the legislation, Representative Rendon responded to questions from various committee members. Representative Rendon provided the committee with a handout, which is attached.

Trevor VanDyke, Director of Legislative & Legal Affairs the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, testified in opposition to the bill and the substitute. Mr. VanDyke introduced Lt. Andrew Turner, Supervisor of the Recreational Safety Section in the Law Enforcement Division of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, who came to address technical questions. Following his testimony, Mr. VanDyke responded to questions from committee members.

Dan Kimmel, representing the Michigan Bass Nation, stated his group at this time is neutral on the bill, and expressed their concerns. Mr. Kimmel answered questions from various committee members following his comments.

Bret Marr from Muchmore Harrington Smalley Associates, Inc. and Ray Underwood, representing the Michigan Boating Industries Association, testified in opposition to the legislation. Mr. Marr and Mr. Underwood addressed various questions from committee members. A copy of Mr. Underwood's testimony is attached.

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**Representative Kosowski moved to excuse Representative Brunner from today's committee meeting.**

**There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; Representative Brunner was excused.**

**Representative Genetski moved to excuse Representative Crawford from today's committee meeting.**

**There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; Representative Crawford was excused.**

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There being no other business before the committee, **Representative Goike moved to adjourn the meeting.**

The motion prevailed, the time being 9:40 a.m.

The Chair declared the Committee adjourned.

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Peter Pettalia, Chair  
House Standing Committee on Tourism

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Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

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Date approved by the committee