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SUBJECT: Department of Natural Resources (Department) Legislative Update

Senate Bill 1172 – Modify Definition of a Peace Officer in the Mental Health Code – Sen. Chang

This bill would amend the Mental Health Code, Act 258 of 1974, to modify the definition of a peace officer by adding an officer or agency who is licensed under the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES), Act 203 of 1965. The changes to this bill would allow an expansion of officers, including Conservation Officers, able to engage with a person requiring treatment under the Mental Health Code.

- Senate Bill 1172 was reported with recommendation by the Senate Committee on Health Policy and Human Services and is awaiting action on the House floor.
- The Administration is in support of this legislation.