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HB 5428 – Creates Opt-Out Option for Recreation Passport Fee – Rep. Brixie

This bill amends the Michigan Vehicle Code to include the fee for the Recreation Passport in the vehicle registration renewal fee, with the option to opt out.

- This bill was reported with recommendation with substitute (H-1) by the House Natural Resources, Environment, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Committee and is awaiting a vote on the House Floor.
- The Administration is in support of this legislation.

HB 5873 – Adjusts Recreation Passport Revenue Distribution Formula – Rep. Mentzer

This bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to modify the formula for distribution of funds received from the Recreation Passport.

- This bill was reported with recommendation by the House Natural Resources, Environment, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Committee and is awaiting a vote on the House Floor.
- The Administration is in support of this legislation.

HB 6219 – Provides Free Recreation Passport to Veterans and Active Duty Military – Rep. Mentzer

This bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to provide free access to all state parks and DNR managed boating access sites to all veterans and active-duty military.

- This bill was reported with recommendation by the House Natural Resources, Environment, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Committee and is awaiting a vote on the House Floor.
- The Administration is in support of this legislation.

SB 1124 – Creates Michigan the Beautiful Plan – Sen. Shink

This bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to create a land and water preservation plan.

- This bill has been referred to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture.
- The Administration has not yet taken a position on this bill.

SB 1140 – Include Crocodilians as Prohibited Species – Sen. Polehanki

This bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to include crocodilians as a prohibited species

- This bill has been referred to the Senate Committee on Regulatory Affairs
- The Administration has not yet taken a position on this bill.