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SUBJECT: Department of Natural Resources Legislative Update

**PA 93 of 2017 (SB 76) – Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) 2017  
Appropriation – Sen. Booher**

This appropriates \$47.6 million from the MNRTF for 27 acquisition projects (approximately \$27.7 million) and 87 development projects (approximately \$19.9 million). Total matching funds of \$40.1 million result in total project costs of \$87.7 million.

**HB 4781-4782 – Electric Bicycles – Rep. Hughes**

This bill seeks to amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act and the Michigan Vehicle Code by defining an electric bicycle (e-bike) and where it can be used. The use of e-bikes on certain trails would be allowed unless the local unit or governing authority adopted a resolution or order to prohibit the use.

- This bill was referred to the House Committee on Tourism and Outdoor Recreation.
- The Administration has not taken a position on this legislation.

**HB 4784 – Free Access to Parks and BAS for Veterans – Rep. Hammoud**

This bill seeks to amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to allow Veterans to have their Recreation Passport fee waived. When entering a State Park or state-operated public boating access site, the Recreation Passport fee will be waived if an individual can show a valid, Government-issued Veteran identification.

- This bill was referred to the House Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs.
- The Administration has not taken a position on this legislation.

**HB 4801 – Require Use of State-owned Minerals by Locals – Rep. LaFave**

This bill seeks to amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to require the Department to enter into an agreement with a County Road Commission, a municipality or its contractor if they apply for the use of state-owned, nonmetallic minerals on a public road, street or highway. The Department would be prohibited from charging a fee for this transaction, other than a processing fee that could not exceed the reasonable cost for processing the transaction.

- This bill was referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.
- The Administration has not taken a position on this legislation.

If you would like to learn more about these and other bills, you can access the Michigan Legislature website at [www.legislature.mi.gov](http://www.legislature.mi.gov).