



# **NATURAL RESOURCES APPROPRIATIONS BOILERPLATE DECISION DOCUMENT**

**FY 2015-16**

**House Bill 4091**

**Comparison of Current Law,  
Executive Recommendation,  
and House Subcommittee Recommendation**

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Executive replaces “act” with “article” throughout bill.				
<p><b>GENERAL SECTIONS</b>  <b>Total State Spending and Grants to Local Governments</b> - Specifies total state spending and expected grants to locals from state revenue sources.</p> <p><b>Sec. 201.</b> Pursuant to section 30 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, total state spending from state resources under part 1 for fiscal year 2014-2015 is \$305,089,500.00 and state spending from state resources to be paid to local units of government for fiscal year 2014-2015 is \$5,123,300.00. The itemized statement below identifies appropriations from which spending to local units of government will occur:</p> <p><b>DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES</b></p> <p><b>GRANTS</b>            Dam management grant program..... \$ 175,000            Grants to counties – marine safety ..... 1,207,300            Off-road vehicle safety training grants ..... 29,200            Off-road vehicle trail improvement grants ..... 516,000            Recreation improvement fund grants ... 65,700            Recreation passport local ..... 1,000,000            Snowmobile law enforcement grants..380,100</p> <p><b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>            Waterways boating program..... \$ 1,750,000  <b>TOTAL..... \$ 5,123,300</b></p>	<p><b>Sec. 15-201.</b> Pursuant to section 30 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, total state spending from state resources under part 1 for fiscal year <del>2014-2015</del> <b>2015-2016</b> is <del>\$305,089,500.00</del> <b>\$303,955,800.00</b> and state spending from state resources to be paid to local units of government for fiscal year <del>2014-2015</del> <b>2015-2016</b> is <del>\$5,123,300.00</del> <b>\$5,548,300.00</b> The itemized statement below identifies appropriations from which spending to local units of government will occur:</p> <p><b>DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES</b></p> <p><b>GRANTS</b>            Dam management grant program ..... \$ 175,000            Grants to counties – marine safety ..... 1,207,300            Off-road vehicle safety training grants ..... 29,200            Off-road vehicle trail improvement grants ..... 516,000            ..... <b>526,100</b>            Recreation improvement fund grants ..... 65,700            Recreation passport local ..... 1,000,000            ..... <b>1,500,000</b>            Snowmobile law enforcement grants ..... 380,100</p> <p><b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>            Waterways boating program \$ 1,750,000            ..... 1,665,000  <b>TOTAL..... \$ 5,123,300</b>            ..... <b>\$ 5,548,400</b></p>	<p><b>Sec. 15-201.</b> Pursuant to section 30 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, total state spending from state resources under part 1 for fiscal year <del>2014-2015</del> <b>2015-2016</b> is <del>\$305,089,500.00</del> <b>\$302,458,800.00</b> and state spending from state resources to be paid to local units of government for fiscal year <del>2014-2015</del> <b>2015-2016</b> is <del>\$5,123,300.00</del> <b>\$5,523,400.00</b> The itemized statement below identifies appropriations from which spending to local units of government will occur:</p> <p><b>DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES</b></p> <p><b>GRANTS</b>            Dam management grant program ..... \$ 150,000            Grants to counties – marine safety ..... 1,207,300            Off-road vehicle safety training grants ..... 29,200            Off-road vehicle trail improvement grants ..... 516,000            ..... <b>526,100</b>            Recreation improvement fund grants ..... 65,700            Recreation passport local ..... 1,000,000            ..... <b>1,500,000</b>            Snowmobile law enforcement grants ..... 380,100</p> <p><b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>            Waterways boating program. \$ 1,750,000            ..... 1,665,000  <b>TOTAL..... \$ 5,123,300</b>            ..... <b>\$ 5,523,400</b></p>		



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<p><b>Appropriations Subject to Management and Budget Act</b> - Expends appropriations under the limitations and requirements of Management and Budget Act.</p> <p><b>Sec. 202.</b> The appropriations authorized under this part and part 1 are subject to the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 15-202.</b> Same as current law with part changed to “ARTICLE”.</p>	<p><b>202.</b> No change.</p>		
<p><b>Acronyms Definitions</b> - Specifies acronym definitions contained in this article.</p> <p><b>Sec. 203.</b> As used in this part and part 1:            (a) “Commission” means the natural resources commission.            (b) “Department” means the department of natural resources.            (c) “FTE” means full-time equated.            (d) “IDG” means interdepartmental grant.            (e) “IDT” means intradepartmental transfer.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 15-203.</b> As used in this part ARTICLE and part 1:   <del>(a) “Commission” means the natural resources commission.</del>  <del>(b) (A) “Department” means the department of natural resources.</del>  <b>(B) “DIRECTOR” MEANS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT.</b>  <del>(c) “FTE” means full-time equated.</del>  <del>(d) “IDG” means interdepartmental grant.</del>  <del>(e) “IDT” means intradepartmental transfer.</del></p>	<p><b>Sec. 203.</b> No change.</p>		



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<p><b>Performance Benchmarks</b> - Requires report of benchmarks to measure performance or return for each new program or program increase of \$500,000 or more; includes intent language that any new program include list of benchmarks in future.</p> <p><b>Sec. 204.</b> (1) For each new program or program expansion for which funds in excess of \$500,000.00 are appropriated in part 1, the department shall identify specific benchmarks intended to measure the performance or return on taxpayer investment of the program and its associated expenditures. Not later than November 1, 2014, the department shall report the proposed benchmarks to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees for that department, the house and senate fiscal agencies, and the state budget director. The department shall provide an update on its progress in achieving those benchmarks at an appropriations subcommittee meeting called for the purpose of discussing benchmarks and their status.</p>	Striking current law.	Retains; Updates year.		
<p>(2) It is the intent of the legislature that, beginning with the budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, any proposal for a new program or an expansion of an existing program in excess of \$500,000.00 initiated by the executive branch or the legislature shall include, as part of the original proposal or budget request, a list of benchmarks intended to measure the performance or return on taxpayer investment of the program or spending increase.</p>	Striking current law.	No change.		



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<p><b>Internet Availability of Required Reports -</b> Requires DNR to use internet for reporting requirements; authorizes transmission of reports via e-mail.</p> <p><b>Sec. 205.</b> Unless otherwise specified, the department shall use the Internet to fulfill the reporting requirements of this part. This requirement may include transmission of reports via electronic mail to the recipients identified for each reporting requirement, or it may include placement of reports on an Internet or Intranet site.</p>	<p><del>Sec. 15-205. Unless otherwise specified, †The department</del>  <b>‡The departmentS AND AGENCIES RECEIVING APPROPRIATIONS IN PART 1</b> shall use the Internet to fulfill the reporting requirements of this part ARTICLE. This requirement may include transmission of reports via electronic mail to the recipients identified for each reporting requirement, or it may include placement of reports on an Internet or Intranet site.</p>	<p><del>Sec. 205. Unless otherwise specified, †The department</del>  <b>S AND AGENCIES RECEIVING APPROPRIATIONS IN PART 1</b> shall use the Internet to fulfill the reporting requirements of this part. This requirement may include transmission of reports via electronic mail to the recipients identified for each reporting requirement, or it may include placement of reports on an Internet or Intranet site.</p>		
<p><b>Game and Fish Protection Fund Appropriations -</b> Lists appropriations to other state departments from the Game and Fish Protection Fund.</p> <p><b>Sec. 206.</b> Appropriations of state restricted game and fish protection funds have been made in the following amounts to the following departments and agencies in their respective appropriation acts:</p> <p>Legislative auditor general ..... \$ 30,100            ..... <b>30,700</b>            Attorney general ..... <del>838,000</del>            ..... 735,100            Department of technology, management, and budget ..... <del>565,000</del>            ..... <b>438,300</b>            Department of treasury ..... <del>2,454,000</del>            ..... <b>2,782,900</b></p>	<p><b>Sec. 15-206.</b> Appropriations of state restricted game and fish protection funds have been made in the following amounts to the following departments and agencies in their respective appropriation acts:</p> <p>Legislative auditor general ..... \$ 30,100            ..... <b>30,700</b>            Attorney general ..... <del>838,000</del>            ..... 735,100            Department of technology, management, and budget ..... <del>565,000</del>            ..... <b>438,300</b>            Department of treasury ..... <del>2,454,000</del>            ..... <b>2,782,900</b></p>	<p><b>Sec. 206.</b> Appropriations of state restricted game and fish protection funds have been made in the following amounts to the following departments and agencies in their respective appropriation acts:</p> <p>Legislative auditor general ..... \$ 30,100            ..... <b>30,700</b>            Attorney general ..... <del>838,000</del>            ..... 735,100            Department of technology, management, and budget ..... <del>565,000</del>            ..... <b>438,300</b>            Department of treasury ..... <del>2,454,000</del>            ..... <b>2,782,900</b></p>		



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<p><b>Game and Fish Trust Fund Transfer -</b> Transfers \$6.0 million from Game and Fish Protection Trust Fund to Game and Fish Protection Fund.</p> <p><b>Sec. 207.</b> Pursuant to section 43703(3) of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.43703, there is appropriated from the game and fish protection trust fund to the game and fish protection account of the Michigan conservation and recreation legacy fund, \$6,000,000.00 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 15-207.</b> Same as current law with date changed to “<b>September 30, 2016</b>”.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 207.</b> Same as current law with date changed to “<b>September 30, 2016</b>”.</p>		
<p><b>Purchase of Foreign Goods and Services -</b> Prohibits DNR from purchasing foreign goods and services if competitively priced American goods or services that are of comparable quality are available; requires preference for goods and services manufactured by Michigan businesses and manufactured or provided by Michigan businesses owned and operated by veterans.</p> <p><b>Sec. 210.</b> Funds appropriated in part 1 shall not be used for the purchase of foreign goods or services, or both, if competitively priced and of comparable quality American goods or services, or both, are available. Preference shall be given to goods or services, or both, manufactured or provided by Michigan businesses if they are competitively priced and of comparable quality. In addition, preference should be given to goods or services, or both, that are manufactured or provided by Michigan businesses owned and operated by veterans, if they are competitively priced and of comparable quality.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 15-210.</b> No changes.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 210.</b> No changes.</p>		



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<p><b>Businesses in Economically Deprived or Depressed Communities</b> - Encourages DNR to enter into contracts with vendors located in economically depressed communities.</p> <p><b>Sec. 211.</b> The director of the department shall take all reasonable steps to ensure businesses in deprived and depressed communities compete for and perform contracts to provide services or supplies, or both. The director shall strongly encourage firms with which the department contracts to subcontract with certified businesses in depressed and deprived communities for services, supplies, or both.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 15-211.</b> The director of the department shall take all reasonable steps to ensure businesses in deprived and depressed communities compete for and perform contracts to provide services or supplies, or both. <del>The</del> <b>EACH</b> director shall strongly encourage firms with which the department contracts to subcontract with certified businesses in depressed and deprived communities for services, supplies, or both.</p>	No change.		
<p><b>Disciplinary Action Against State Employees</b> - Prohibits DNR from disciplining state employees for communicating with members of the Legislature and their staffs.</p> <p><b>Sec. 212.</b> The department shall not take disciplinary action against an employee for communicating with a member of the legislature or his or her staff.</p>	Striking current law.	No change.		
<p><b>Legal Services</b> - Denies DNR permission to hire attorneys to provide legal services provided by the Attorney General.</p> <p><b>Sec. 214.</b> Funds appropriated in this part and part 1 shall not be used by a principal executive department, state agency, or authority to hire a person to provide legal services that are the responsibility of the attorney general. This prohibition does not apply to legal services for bonding activities and for those outside services that the attorney general authorizes.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 15-214.</b> Funds appropriated in <del>this part</del> and part 1 shall not be used by a principal executive department, state agency, or authority to hire a person to provide legal services that are the responsibility of the attorney general. This prohibition does not apply to legal services for bonding activities and for those outside services that the attorney general authorizes.</p>	<b>Sec. 214.</b> No change.		



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<p><b>Contingency Fund Transfer Authority</b> - Provides authority for contingency fund transfers: up to \$3.0 million federal, \$10.0 million restricted, \$100,000 local, and \$1.0 million private; transfers must be approved by both the House and Senate Appropriations Committees.</p> <p><b>Sec. 215.</b> (1) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.00 for federal contingency funds. These funds are not available for expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item in part 1 under section 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 15-215.</b> (1) No changes.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 215.</b> (1) No changes.</p>		
<p>(2) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000.00 for state restricted contingency funds. These funds are not available for expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item in part 1 under section 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.</p>	<p>(2) No changes.</p>	<p>(2) No changes.</p>		
<p>(3) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for local contingency funds. These funds are not available for expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item in part 1 under section 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.</p>	<p>(3) No changes.</p>	<p>(3) No changes.</p>		
<p>(4) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 for private contingency funds. These funds are not available for expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item in part 1 under section 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.</p>	<p>(4) No changes.</p>	<p>(4) No changes.</p>		



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<p><b>Retention of Reports</b> - Requires DNR to retain copies of all reports funded from appropriations.</p> <p><b>Sec. 217.</b> The department and agencies receiving appropriations in part 1 shall receive and retain copies of all reports funded from appropriations in part 1. Federal and state guidelines for short-term and long-term retention of records shall be followed. The department may electronically retain copies of reports unless otherwise required by federal and state guidelines.</p>	Striking current law.	No change.		
<p><b>Out-of-State Travel Report</b> - Requires DNR to report out-of-state travel expenses annually.</p> <p><b>Sec. 218.</b> The departments and agencies receiving appropriations in part 1 shall prepare a report on out-of-state travel expenses not later than January 1 of each year. The travel report shall be a listing of all travel by classified and unclassified employees outside this state in the immediately preceding fiscal year that was funded in whole or in part with funds appropriated in the department's budget. The report shall be submitted to the senate and house appropriations committees, the house and senate fiscal agencies, and the state budget director. The report shall include the following information:</p> <p>(a) The dates of each travel occurrence.            (b) The total transportation and related costs of each travel occurrence, including the proportion funded with state general fund/general purpose revenues, the proportion funded with state restricted revenues, the proportion funded with federal revenues, and the proportion funded with other revenues.</p>	<b>Sec. 15-218.</b> No changes.	<b>Sec. 218.</b> No changes.		



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<p><b>GF/GP Lapse</b> - Requires report of estimated GF/GP appropriation lapses at close of previous year; report due November 30.</p> <p><b>Sec. 220.</b> Not later than November 30, the state budget office shall prepare and transmit a report that provides for estimates of the total general fund/general purpose appropriation lapses at the close of the prior fiscal year. This report shall summarize the projected year-end general fund/general purpose appropriation lapses by major departmental program or program areas. The report shall be transmitted to the chairpersons of the senate and house appropriations committees, and the senate and house fiscal agencies.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 15-220.</b> No changes.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 220.</b> No changes.</p>		
<p><b>Restricted Fund Revenues, Expenditures, and Fund Balances</b> - Requires report on fund balances, revenues, and expenditures for state restricted funds for FY 2013-14 and FY 2014-15: report due 14 days after Executive budget is released.</p> <p><b>Sec. 222.</b> Within 14 days after the release of the executive budget recommendation, the department shall cooperate with the state budget office to provide the senate and house appropriations chairs, the senate and house appropriations subcommittees chairs, and the senate and house fiscal agencies with an annual report on estimated state restricted fund balances, state restricted fund projected revenues, and state restricted fund expenditures for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2014 and September 30, 2015.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 15-222.</b> Same as current law with dates changed to “<b>September 30, 2015 and September 30, 2016.</b>”</p>	<p><b>Sec. 222.</b> Same as current law with dates changed to “<b>September 30, 2015 and September 30, 2016.</b>”</p>		



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<p><b>Waterways Fund Projects</b> - Requires DNR to report on activities of Waterways Commission during the previous fiscal year; list of completed Waterways Fund projects to be provided to Legislature and State Budget Director by January 31, 2015.</p> <p><b>Sec. 223.</b> Before January 31, 2015, the department, in cooperation with the Michigan state waterways commission, shall provide to the state budget director, the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on natural resources, and the senate and house fiscal agencies a list of projects completed by the commission in fiscal year 2013-2014, including the county and municipality in which each project is located.</p>	<p>Striking current law.</p>	<p>Retains; Updates years.</p>			
<p><b>Expenditure Posting on Internet</b> - Requires expenditures to be reported on the internet on a searchable website, including specific expenditure information.</p> <p><b>Sec. 234.</b> The department shall cooperate with the department of technology, management, and budget to maintain a searchable website accessible by the public at no cost that includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:</p> <p>(a) Fiscal year-to-date expenditures by category.            (b) Fiscal year-to-date expenditures by appropriation unit.            (c) Fiscal year-to-date payments to a selected vendor, including the vendor name, payment date, payment amount, and payment description.            (d) The number of active department employees by job classification.            (e) Job specifications and wage rates.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 15-234.</b> The department shall cooperate with the department of technology, management, and budget to maintain a searchable website accessible by the public at no cost that includes, but is not limited to, all of the following <b>FOR EACH DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY:</b></p> <p>(a) Fiscal year-to-date expenditures by category.            (b) Fiscal year-to-date expenditures by appropriation unit.            (c) Fiscal year-to-date payments to a selected vendor, including the vendor name, payment date, payment amount, and payment description.            (d) The number of active department employees by job classification.            (e) Job specifications and wage rates.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 234.</b> The department shall cooperate with the department of technology, management, and budget to maintain a searchable website accessible by the public at no cost that includes, but is not limited to, all of the following <b>FOR EACH DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY:</b></p> <p>(a) Fiscal year-to-date expenditures by category.            (b) Fiscal year-to-date expenditures by appropriation unit.            (c) Fiscal year-to-date payments to a selected vendor, including the vendor name, payment date, payment amount, and payment description.            (d) The number of active department employees by job classification.            (e) Job specifications and wage rates.</p>			



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<p><b>Website Scorecard</b> - Requires DNR to maintain on a publicly accessible website a department scorecard with key metrics concerning the agency's performance.</p> <p><b>Sec. 235.</b> The department shall maintain, on a publicly accessible website, a department scorecard that identifies, tracks, and regularly updates key metrics that are used to monitor and improve the agency's performance.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 15-235.</b> No changes.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 235.</b> No changes.</p>			
<p><b>FY 2014-15 Retirement Costs</b> - States that appropriations for legacy costs in part 1 for FY 2014-15 equal \$46.7 million. Of this amount, pension-related legacy costs are estimated to be \$26.1 million and retiree health care legacy costs are estimated to be \$20.6 million.</p> <p><b>Sec. 237.</b> Total authorized appropriations from all sources under part 1 for legacy costs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015 are \$46,680,700.00. From this amount, total agency appropriations for pension-related legacy costs are estimated at \$26,090,800.00. Total agency appropriations for retiree health care legacy costs are estimated at \$20,589,900.00.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 15-237.</b> Total authorized appropriations from all sources under part 1 for legacy costs for the fiscal year ending September 30, <del>2015</del> <b>2016</b> are <del>\$46,680,700.00</del> <b>\$46,042,200.00</b>. From this amount, total agency appropriations for pension-related legacy costs are estimated at <del>\$26,090,800.00</del> <b>\$26,133,200.00</b>. Total agency appropriations for retiree health care legacy costs are estimated at <del>\$20,589,900.00</del> <b>\$19,909,000.00</b>.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 237.</b> Total authorized appropriations from all sources under part 1 for legacy costs for the fiscal year ending September 30, <del>2015</del> <b>2016</b> are <del>\$46,680,700.00</del> <b>\$46,042,200.00</b>. From this amount, total agency appropriations for pension-related legacy costs are estimated at <del>\$26,090,800.00</del> <b>\$26,133,200.00</b>. Total agency appropriations for retiree health care legacy costs are estimated at <del>\$20,589,900.00</del> <b>\$19,909,000.00</b>.</p>			
		<p><b>Attorney General Spending on Wolf Hunt Litigation</b> – Limits the Attorney General to spending no more than \$XXXX on litigation related to wolf hunts.</p> <p><b>Sec. 238.</b> It is the intent of the legislature that expenditures from appropriations in part 1, combined for this fiscal year and subsequent fiscal years, not exceed \$100,000 for expenses related to the Attorney General appealing the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia's 2014 decision that returned gray wolves to the federal endangered and threatened species list.</p>			



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<p><b><u>DEPARTMENT INITIATIVES</u></b></p> <p><b><i>Michigan Civilian Conservation Corps (MCCC)</i></b> - Requires DNR to work with MCCC steering committee to plan for a nonprofit MCCC outside of state government.</p> <p><b>Sec. 250.</b> As a condition on the expenditure of funds in part 1 for the Michigan conservation corps, the department shall work with the Michigan civilian conservation corps partnership steering committee established in section 22 of the Michigan civilian conservation corps act, 1984 PA 22, MCL 409.322, to plan for a nonprofit Michigan civilian conservation corps that is administered outside of state government.</p>	Striking current law.	Striking current law.		
<p><b><i>Invasive Species Initiative</i></b> - Requires \$3.6 million of funding for the Invasive Species Initiative be allocated for grants for prevention, detection, eradication, and control of invasive species.</p> <p><b>Sec. 251.</b> From the amounts appropriated in part 1 for invasive species prevention and control, the department shall allocate not less than \$3,600,000.00 for grants for the prevention, detection, eradication, and control of invasive species.</p>	<b>Sec. 15-251.</b> No changes.	<b>Sec. 251.</b> No changes.		
<p><b><u>DEPARTMENT SUPPORT SERVICES</u></b></p> <p><b><i>Land Acquisition Fee Charges</i></b> - Allows fee charge against land acquisition projects to recover actual service costs.</p> <p><b>Sec. 302.</b> The department may charge land acquisition projects appropriated for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for prior fiscal years, a standard percentage fee to recover actual costs, and may use the revenue derived to support the land acquisition service charges provided for in part 1.</p>	<b>Sec. 15-302.</b> Same as current law with date changed to "September 30, 2016".	<b>Sec. 302.</b> Same as current law with date changed to "September 30, 2016".		



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<p><b>Land Sale Revenue</b> - Allows collecting application and transaction fees for exchange or sale of state-owned land or rights in land.</p> <p><b>Sec. 303.</b> As appropriated in part 1, the department may charge both application fees and transaction fees related to the exchange or sale of state-owned land or rights in land authorized by part 21 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.2101 to 324.2162. The fees shall be set by the director of the department at a rate which allows the department to recover its costs for providing these services.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 15-303.</b> No changes.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 303.</b> No changes.</p>		
<p><b>COMMUNICATION AND CUSTOMER SERVICES</b></p> <p><b>Museum Store Revolving Fund</b> - States that contract expenditures for the museum store are exempt from the Management and Budget Act.</p> <p><b>Sec. 404.</b> For the purposes of administering the museum store as provided in section 7a of 1913 PA 271, MCL 399.7a, the department is exempt from section 261 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1261.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 15-404.</b> No changes.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 404.</b> No changes.</p>		



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<p><b>Proceeds from Artifact Auctions, Sales, or Transfers</b> - Funds received through the excess of unneeded artifacts by the Historical Museum are appropriated to the DNR to obtain other desired items for the State Historical Museum; allows carryforward of funds.</p> <p><b>Sec. 405.</b> As appropriated in part 1, proceeds in excess of costs incurred in the conduct of auctions, sales, or transfers of artifacts no longer considered suitable for the collections of the state historical museum may be expended upon receipt for additional material for the collection. The department shall notify the chairpersons, vice chairpersons, and minority vice chairpersons of the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on natural resources 1 week prior to any auctions or sales. Any unexpended funds may be carried forward into the next succeeding fiscal year.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 15-405.</b> No changes.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 405.</b> No changes.</p>		
<p><b>Historical Program Fees</b> - Allows DNR to charge fees for historical program services such as document production, conferences, workshops, facilities, and museum admissions.</p> <p><b>Sec. 406.</b> As appropriated in part 1, funds collected by the department for historical markers; document reproduction and services; conferences, admissions, workshops, and training classes; and the use of specialized equipment, facilities, exhibits, collections, and software shall be used for expenses necessary to provide the required services. The department may charge fees for the aforementioned services, including admission fees. Any unexpended funds may be carried forward into the next succeeding fiscal year.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 15-406.</b> No changes.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 406.</b> No changes.</p>		



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**Land Transactions** - Requires detailed report to Legislature on land purchases, sales, and exchanges.

**Sec. 408.** By October 21, 2014, the department shall submit to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on natural resources a report on all land transactions approved by the commission in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014. For each land transaction, the report shall include the size of the parcel, the county and municipality in which the parcel is located, the dollar amount of the transaction, the fund source affected by the transaction, and whether the transaction is by purchase, public auction, transfer, exchange, or conveyance.

Striking current law.

Retains; Updates years.

**WILDLIFE DIVISION**

**Wildlife Management** – Requires DNR to use increased federal funding available from increased firearm and ammunition sales for the purpose of wildlife management which includes habitat restoration, conservation, and enhancement.

**Sec. 15-501.** From the increased funds appropriated in part 1 for wildlife management, the department shall utilize increased federal funding made available from increased firearm and ammunition sales. The purpose of this program expansion is to support the restoration, conservation, management and enhancement of wildlife habitat on public and private lands.

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<p><b><u>WILDLIFE DIVISION</u></b></p> <p><b><i>Invasive Species Order Enforcement</i></b> - Requires report on efforts taken to enforce the Natural Resources Commission's invasive species order concerning raising feral swine in Michigan.</p> <p><b>Sec. 503.</b> From the funds appropriated in part 1, the department shall produce a report detailing any efforts undertaken to enforce the invasive species order on swine raised under the husbandry of residents of this state. The report shall include fund sources used and the amount of expenditures and shall be submitted to the legislature by December 31, 2014.</p>	Striking current law.	Striking current law.		
<p><b><i>Cervid Operation Fees</i></b> - Requires report on the use of registration fees from privately owned cervid operations.</p> <p><b>Sec. 504.</b> From the funds appropriated in part 1, the department shall provide a report to the legislature on the use of registration fees collected from privately owned cervid operations. Appropriations in part 1 from cervidae licensing and inspection fees shall not be used for anything other than work directly related to the regulation of privately owned cervid operations in this state.</p>	Striking current law.	No changes.		



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<p><b><u>FISHERIES DIVISION</u></b></p> <p><b><i>Stream Habitat Improvement Grants</i></b> - Appropriates \$758,000 to watershed councils, resource development councils, soil conservation districts, local governmental units, and other nonprofit organizations for stream habitat improvement projects.</p> <p><b>Sec. 601.</b> (1) From the appropriation in part 1 for aquatic resource mitigation, not more than \$758,000.00 shall be allocated for grants to watershed councils, resource development councils, soil conservation districts, local governmental units, and other nonprofit organizations for stream habitat stabilization and soil erosion control.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 15-601.</b> No changes.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 601.</b> No changes.</p>		
<p>(2) The fisheries division in the department shall develop priority and cost estimates for all projects recommended for grants under subsection (1).</p>	<p>(2) No changes.</p>	<p>(2) No changes.</p>		



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<p><b>Water Control Structure Certification</b> - Directs Fisheries Division to not interfere with the certification process for dams and other water control structures.</p> <p><b>Sec. 602.</b> As a condition of expenditure of fisheries management appropriations under part 1, the department of natural resources shall not impede the certification process for water control structures on Michigan waterways. The department of natural resources shall fund from funds appropriated in part 1 all non-water-quality studies or requirements that the department requests of either of the following:</p> <p>(a) The department of environmental quality as a condition for issuance of a certification under section 401 of the federal water pollution control act, 33 USC 1341.</p> <p>(b) The federal energy regulatory commission as a condition of licensing under the federal power act, 16 USC 791a to 825r.</p>	Striking current law.	No changes.		



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<p><b><i>Cormorant Management</i></b> - Requires quarterly report on the use of cormorant management funding; provides that the DNR must submit funding to the USDA to pay for increased taking of cormorants and their nests; any retained or additional funds for cormorant control must be used for program.</p> <p><b>Sec. 603.</b> The department shall provide a quarterly report to the legislature on use of funding provided for cormorant management. The department shall use general fund/general purpose revenue for this purpose and submit revenue appropriated in part 1 for cormorant management to the United States department of agriculture animal and plant health inspection service to allow for increased taking of cormorants and their nests. If any funds appropriated for cormorant management are retained by the department, or other funds become available for this purpose, the department shall use those funds to harass cormorants with the goal of reducing foraging attempts on fish populations.</p>	Striking current law.	Striking current law.			
<p><b><u>PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION</u></b></p> <p><b><i>State Park Campground Closures</i></b> - Requires DNR to notify Legislature before reducing operations or reduce recreation opportunities at any state park or recreation area.</p> <p><b>Sec. 702.</b> The department shall notify the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on natural resources and the house and senate fiscal agencies if it intends to reduce operations or reduce recreation opportunities in any state park or recreation area.</p>	Striking current law.	Striking current law.			



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<p><b>Pure Michigan Trails</b> - Allocates \$200,000 from appropriations in part 1 for Pure Michigan Trails if Senate Bills 873 through 877 are enacted. (Note: Four of these bills were enacted: Senate Bill 873 - PA 210, Senate Bill 875 - PA 211, Senate Bill 876 – PA 212, Senate Bill 877 – PA 213.)</p> <p><b>Sec. 704.</b> If Senate Bill Nos. 873 through 877 of the 97th Legislature are enacted into law, from the appropriations in part 1, the department shall allocate \$200,000.00 for the Pure Michigan trails program as described in those bills.</p>	<p>Striking current law.</p>	<p>Striking current law.</p>		
	<p><b><u>FOREST RESOURCES DIVISION</u></b></p> <p><b>Forest Management and Timber Market Development</b> – Requires DNR to use increased restricted funding available from the increased timber harvest for the purpose of forest management and timber market development which includes investments in technology and equipment aimed at growing the timber economy.</p> <p><b>SEC. 15-801.</b> FROM THE INCREASED FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN PART 1 FOR FOREST MANAGEMENT AND TIMBER MARKET DEVELOPMENT, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL UTILIZE FUNDING MADE AVAILABLE FROM INCREASED HARVEST OF TIMBER ON STATE FOREST LANDS. THE PURPOSE OF THIS PROGRAM EXPANSION IS TO STRATEGICALLY INVEST IN TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT ENHANCEMENTS TO EXPAND THE GROWTH OF THE FOREST PRODUCTS ECONOMY.</p>	<p><b>SEC. 801.</b> FROM THE INCREASED FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN PART 1 FOR FOREST MANAGEMENT AND TIMBER MARKET DEVELOPMENT, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL UTILIZE FUNDING MADE AVAILABLE FROM INCREASED HARVEST OF TIMBER ON STATE FOREST LANDS. THE PURPOSE OF THIS PROGRAM EXPANSION IS TO STRATEGICALLY INVEST IN TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT ENHANCEMENTS TO EXPAND THE GROWTH OF THE FOREST PRODUCTS ECONOMY.</p>		



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<p><b><u>FOREST RESOURCES DIVISION</u></b></p> <p><i><b>Timber Marking</b></i> - Directs DNR, subject to forest certification process, to mark and prescribe treatment on 79,000 acres, prepare 76,500 acres for harvest at an average rate of 12.5 to 15.0 cords per acre; requires that the impact of timber harvest on wildlife habitat and recreation uses be considered; requires quarterly report.</p> <p><b>Sec. 802.</b> Of the funds appropriated in part 1, the department shall, subject to the forest certification process, prescribe treatment on 79,000 acres, prepare appropriate treatment for not less than 67,500 acres at the current average rate of 12.5 to 15 cords per acre, and offer those cords for sale in the 2014-2015 fiscal year, provided that the department shall take into consideration the impact of timber harvesting on wildlife habitat and recreation uses. The department shall, subject to the forest certification process, increase marking or treatment of hardwood timber for sale and harvest by 10% over 2013-2014 fiscal year levels. In addition, the department shall take into consideration silvicultural analysis and report annually to the legislature on plans and efforts to address factors limiting management of timber. The department shall increase the number of prepared acres if it appears that regional market demand requires increased volumes of harvested timber. The department shall provide quarterly reports on the number of acres treated, pursuant to this section, to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on natural resources and the standing committees of the senate and house of representatives with primary responsibility for natural resources issues. The department shall complete and deliver these reports no later than 45 days after the end of the fiscal quarter.</p>	Striking current law.	Retains, updates year.		



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<p><b>Federal Forest Fire Compact Expenditure Authorization</b> - Allows expenditure of funds for forest fire suppression efforts on federal lands, provided DNR is reimbursed.</p> <p><b>Sec. 803.</b> In addition to the money appropriated in part 1, the department may receive and expend money from federal sources for the purpose of providing response to wildfires as required by a compact with the federal government. If additional expenditure authorization is required, the department shall notify the state budget office that expenditure under this section is required. The department shall notify the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on natural resources and the house and senate fiscal agencies of the expenditures under this section by November 1, 2015.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 15-803.</b> Same as current law with date changed to “November 15, 2016”.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 803.</b> Same as current law with date changed to “November 15, 2016”.</p>		
<p><b>Horseback Riding Opportunities</b> - Directs DNR to work cooperatively with horseback riding interests to increase horseback riding opportunities.</p> <p><b>Sec. 804.</b> The department shall continue to work cooperatively with horseback riding interests to maximize riding opportunities in the state.</p>	<p>Striking current law.</p>	<p>Striking current law.</p>		
<p><b>Contract Foresters</b> - Allows DNR to hire sufficient contract foresters to mark timber.</p> <p><b>Sec. 805.</b> The department shall spend amounts appropriated in part 1 for forest-related activities to employ or contract for sufficient foresters to mark timber, pursuant to section 802.</p>	<p>Striking current law.</p>	<p>No change.</p>		



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<p><b>Disaster and Emergency Contingency Fund -</b> Appropriates up to \$800,000 funding from the Disaster and Emergency Contingency Fund to cover disaster-related costs. Funds cannot be expended without State Budget Director recommendation and notification to House and Senate Appropriations Committees; requires report.</p> <p><b>Sec. 807.</b> (1) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is appropriated from the disaster and emergency contingency fund up to \$800,000.00 to cover costs related to any disaster as defined in section 2 of the emergency management act, 1976 PA 390, MCL 30.402.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 15-807.</b> No changes.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 807.</b> No changes.</p>		
<p>(2) Funds appropriated under subsection (1) shall not be expended unless the state budget director recommends the expenditure and the department notifies the house and senate committees on appropriations. By December 1 each year, the department shall provide a report to the senate and house fiscal agencies and the state budget office on the use of the disaster and emergency contingency fund during the prior fiscal year.</p>	<p>(2) No changes.</p>	<p>(2) No changes.</p>		
<p>(3) If federal emergency management agency (FEMA) reimbursement is approved for costs paid from the disaster and emergency contingency fund, the federal revenue shall be deposited into the disaster and emergency contingency fund.</p>	<p>(3) No changes.</p>	<p>(3) No changes.</p>		
<p>(4) Unexpended and unencumbered funds remaining in the disaster and emergency contingency fund at the close of the fiscal year shall not lapse to the general fund and shall be carried forward and be available for expenditures in subsequent fiscal years.</p>	<p>(4) No changes.</p>	<p>(4) No changes.</p>		



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<p><b>Gas and Oil Lease Development</b> - Requires DNR to develop a plan to motivate state-land oil and gas lessees to undertake warranted new operations.</p> <p><b>Sec. 808.</b> Using the funds appropriated in part 1, by April 1, 2015, the department shall develop a lawful and reasonable plan designed to motivate lessees under state-granted oil and gas leases past their primary term to undertake warranted new operations to ensure that department-managed minerals are fully developed in an orderly manner to increase and optimize production. The plan shall be consistent with department procedure number 2306.E8.</p>	Striking current law.	Retains, updates year.		
<p><b><u>LAW ENFORCEMENT</u></b></p> <p><b>Snowmobile Law Enforcement Grants</b> - Provides snowmobile law enforcement grant funds to county law enforcement agencies in counties with state snowmobile trails.</p> <p><b>Sec. 901.</b> The appropriation in part 1 for snowmobile law enforcement grants shall be used by the department to provide grants to county law enforcement agencies to enforce part 821 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.82101 to 324.82160, including rules promulgated under that part and ordinances enacted pursuant to that part. The department shall consider the number of enforcement hours and the number of miles of snowmobile trails in each county in allocating these grants. Any funds not distributed to counties revert back to the 236 snowmobile registration fee subaccount created under section 82111 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.82111. Counties shall provide semiannual reports to the department on the use of grant money received under this section.</p>	Striking current law.	No change.		



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<p><b>Marine Safety Grants</b> - Requires report on the Marine Safety Grant Program. Report to include watercraft registrations revenues, revenues and expenditures of the Marine Safety Fund, grant distribution methodology, and a list of grant awards by county.</p> <p><b>Sec. 902.</b> The department shall provide a report on the marine safety grant program to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on natural resources and the senate and house fiscal agencies by December 1, 2014. The report shall include the following information for the preceding year: the total amount of revenue received for watercraft registrations, the amount deposited into the marine safety fund, and the expenditures made from the marine safety fund, including the amounts expended for department administration, other state agencies, the law enforcement division, and grants to counties. The report shall also include the distribution methodology used by the department to distribute the marine safety grants and a list of the grants and the amounts awarded by county.</p>	Striking current law.	Retains, updates year.		



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<p><b>GRANTS</b> <i>Federal Mineral Royalty Payments to Local Governmental Units</i> - Appropriates federal mineral royalty revenue to support pass-through grants to local governments affected by mineral or forestry development on federal lands; requires annual report.</p> <p><b>Sec. 1001.</b> Federal pass-through funds to local institutions and governments that are received in amounts in addition to those included in part 1 for grants to communities - federal oil, gas, and timber payments and that do not require additional state matching funds are appropriated for the purposes intended. By November 30, 2014, the department shall report to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on natural resources, the senate and house fiscal agencies, and the state budget director on all amounts appropriated under this section during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 15-1001.</b> Same as current law with dates changed to “November 30, 2015” and “September 30, 2015”.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 1001.</b> Same as current law with dates changed to “November 30, 2015” and “September 30, 2015”.</p>		
<p><b>Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Trail Improvement Grants</b> - Requires expenditure of not less than \$980,000 for the development of new ORV trails.</p> <p><b>Sec. 1002.</b> Subject to part 811 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.81101 to 324.81150, from the funds appropriated in part 1 for off-road vehicle trail improvements grants, not less than \$980,000.00 shall be spent on the development of new trails in accordance with the off-road vehicle trail expansion plan submitted to the legislature pursuant to section 807 of article 14 of 2005 PA 154.</p>	<p>Striking current law.</p>	<p>Striking current law.</p>		



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<p><b><u>CAPITAL OUTLAY</u></b></p> <p><b>Capital Outlay Appropriations Carryforward -</b> Provides for capital outlay appropriations to be carried forward at the end of the fiscal year.</p> <p><b>Sec. 1103.</b> The appropriations in part 1 for capital outlay shall be carried forward at the end of the fiscal year consistent with the provisions of section 248 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1248.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 15-1103.</b> No changes.</p>	<p><b>Sec. 1103.</b> No changes.</p>		
<p><b><u>ONE-TIME BASIS ONLY APPROPRIATIONS</u></b></p> <p><b>Saginaw River Study -</b> Requires DNR to conduct a study concerning the deepening of the Saginaw River.</p> <p><b>Sec. 1201.</b> Using funds appropriated in part 1, the department shall conduct a study to determine the feasibility of deepening the Saginaw River from the 6th Street turning basin to the Saginaw Bay for the purpose of increasing economic activity in the region.</p>	<p>Striking current law.</p>	<p>Striking current law.</p>		



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<p><b><u>GENERAL SECTIONS</u></b></p> <p><b><i>FY 2015-16 Anticipated Appropriations -</i></b> States legislative intent that FY 2015-16 line item appropriations will be the same as those for FY 2014-15 with certain economic adjustments.</p> <p><b>Sec. 1301.</b> Except as otherwise provided in this part, it is the intent of the legislature to provide appropriations for the fiscal year ending on September 30, 2016 for the line items listed in part 1. The fiscal year 2015-2016 appropriations are anticipated to be the same as those for fiscal year 2014-2015, except that the line items will be adjusted for changes in caseload and related costs, federal fund match rates, economic factors, and available revenue. These adjustments will be determined after the January 2015 consensus revenue estimating conference.</p>	Striking current law.	Striking current law.		
<p><b><i>Identification of Future Retirement Costs -</i></b> States legislative intent that the DNR identify the FY 2015-16 retirement costs for line items listed in part 1.</p> <p><b>Sec. 1302.</b> It is the intent of the legislature that the department identify the amounts for normal retirement costs and legacy retirement costs for the fiscal year ending on September 30, 2016 for the line items listed in part 1.</p>	Striking current law.	Striking current law.		