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BILL ANALYSIS

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House Bill 5547 (Substitute H-1 as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Representative Roland Jersevic
House Committee: Judiciary and Civil Rights
Senate Committee: Judiciary

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to specify that a person who violated the Act's requirement regarding providing a personal flotation device for each child under six years old on a vessel would be responsible for a State civil infraction and could be ordered to pay a civil fine of up to \$100. Currently, the Act provides that a violator is subject to a civil fine of up to \$100. In addition, the bill would designate as a State civil infraction a boat operator's refusal to submit to a preliminary chemical breath analysis upon a lawful request by a peace officer, which currently is a civil infraction. A person responsible for the current civil infraction is "subject to a civil fine" of up to \$100; under the bill, a violator could "be ordered to pay a civil fine" of up to \$100.

The bill also would change references to a boat operator's measure of bodily alcohol content from a percentage of alcohol by weight in the blood to specific measures of alcohol in the blood, breath, or urine. (This would be consistent with recent revisions in the Michigan Vehicle Code's drunk driving provisions.)

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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