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# BILL ANALYSIS

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FY 2006-07 Year-to-Date Gross Appropriation .....	\$283,229,100
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## Changes from FY 2006-07 Year-to-Date:

### Items Included by the House and Senate

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| 1. <b>Hunting and Fishing License Fees.</b> The Governor recommended an increase in hunting and fishing license fees to increase revenue to the Game and Fish Protection Fund. This Fund is used for wildlife and fisheries activities and game law enforcement. The additional fee revenue would cover a projected revenue shortfall. The Conference Report concurred in the level of funding. No fees changes have been enacted. | 0           |
| 2. <b>Forest Development Fund Reductions.</b> The Governor recommended reductions in forestry, fire, and administrative appropriations from the Forest Development Fund as a result of declining revenue to the Fund. The Conference Report concurred.   | (7,679,800) |
| 3. <b>Purchased Land Payments In Lieu Of Taxes (PILT).</b> The Governor recommended a reduction to the appropriation for these payments. The DNR would still be able to make the full payments without pro-ration. The Conference Report concurred.  | (700,000)   |
| 4. <b>Captive Cervidae Funding.</b> Fees for captive cervidae facility registration were increased in 2006. The Governor recommended that the additional fee revenue offset a General Fund reduction of \$69,300. The Conference Report concurred.   | 0           |
| 5. <b>Human Resources.</b> The Governor recommended the removal of 1.0 FTE and funding for the implementation of the human resources optimization and capitalization project. The Conference Report concurred.   | (115,800)   |
| 6. <b>Information Technology Reduction.</b> The Governor reduced funding for IT costs. The Conference Report concurred.  | (23,500)    |
| 7. <b>Economic Adjustments.</b> The Governor included economic adjustments of \$7,052,800 Gross and \$389,700 General Fund. The Conference Report concurred.   | 7,052,800   |
| 8. <b>Other Changes.</b> The Governor recommended other changes, including adjustments in Federal grants, State restricted revenues, and debt service obligations. The Conference Report concurred.  | 8,925,800   |
| 9. <b>Removal of One-time Projects.</b> The Governor removed one-time appropriations in FY 2006-07, including Project F.I.S.H., cormorant control, Bay City State Park docks, and special PILT payments. The Conference Report concurred.  | (445,000)   |

### Conference Agreement on Items of Difference

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| 10. <b>General Fund Reductions to Meet Target.</b> Reductions were made to forest campgrounds, law enforcement, and a continuation of the reductions made in PA 17 of 2007 for FY 2006-07.                                   | (1,048,200) |
| 11. <b>Soil Conservation Grants.</b> General Fund of \$1.0 million was removed from law enforcement, purchased land PILT, information technology, and administrative lines to provide grants to soil conservation districts. | 0           |

Total Changes.....	\$5,966,300
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FY 2007-08 Conference Report Gross Appropriation .....	\$289,195,400
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Amount Over/(Under) GF/GP Target: \$0

**Changes from FY 2006-07 Year to Date:**Items included by the House and Senate

1. **Sections Removed.** The Conference Report removed sections regarding limitations on aircraft use, Project F.I.S.H., cormorants, bobcats, Island Lake shooting range, boating access improvements, Bay City State Park docks, Gaylord-Cheboygan snowmobile trail, special PILT payments to counties, and Federal land and water grants.
2. **Reports Retained.** The Conference Report included reporting sections on restricted fund balances, grants and loans, administrative cost plan, and construction in State parks. (Secs. 207, 208, 220, and 702)
3. **Sections Retained.** The Conference Report included language regarding Game and Fish appropriations in other budgets, Waterways Commission activities, a prohibition on disciplinary action, fish advisory publications, land transactions, indemnification payments, prohibition to impede water control structures, defibrillators in State parks, misuse of free day passes, Porcupine Mountains State Park, cooperative forestry with MDA, timber marking targets, staff for timber marking, Bellaire-Jordan River snowmobile trail, snowmobile law enforcement, and ORV trail development. (Secs. 209, 210, 217, 404, 405, 501, 601, 703, 704, 705, 802, 805, 806, 807, 901, and 1102)

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4. **Policy Change Reporting.** Directed the Department to notify the Legislature of policy changes that affect small business. (Sec. 218)
5. **Legal Services.** Prohibited spending funds on legal services that would otherwise be provided by the Attorney General. (Sec. 219)
6. **Contingency Funds.** The Conference Report included the Governor's recommendation for authorization for contingency fund appropriations at the levels of \$3.0 million Federal, \$5.0 million State restricted, \$100,000 local, and \$1.0 million private. (Sec. 222)
7. **Workgroup on Funding.** Created a workgroup to study long-term funding for the Department. (Sec. 223)
8. **License Fee Contingency Reductions.** The Conference Report revised the Governor's language on proposed license fees to state Legislative intent that the shortfall in State restricted funds shall be addressed by January 15, 2008. (Sec. 224)
9. **Bovine TB Reporting.** Required quarterly reports on the effort to eradicate Bovine TB. (Sec. 502)
10. **Fish Hatcheries.** Required continued operation of the State's 6 fish hatcheries. (Sec. 603)
11. **Corporate Sponsorship.** Required the Department to work with the NRC to identify corporate sponsorship opportunities for State parks. (Sec. 706)
12. **Cooperative Resources.** Directed \$1.0 million in State GF/GP to the MDA to distribute as grants to soil conservation districts. (Sec. 802)
13. **FFA Funding.** Stated intent to restore the \$20.0 million from the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Jobs Trust Fund that was reduced in FY 2006-07. (Sec. 804)
14. **Reimbursement fro Federal Forest Fires.** Authorized receipt of Federal dollars for fighting fires on Federal forest land. (Sec. 808)

Date Completed: 10-29-07

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