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House Bill 6153 (as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Daire Rendon
House Committee: Natural Resources
Senate Committee: Natural Resources

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CONTENT

The bill would amend Section 702 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to delete provisions requiring the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to administer a forest and natural resources grant and loan program, and to stimulate and encourage the forestry and forest products and the mineral extraction and utilization industries through grants and loans.

Section 702 of the Act requires the DNR to do the following:

- Administer a grant and loan program pursuant to Sections 704 and 705.
- Provide advice and recommendations to the Legislature, the Governor, and executive departments in order to promote the development of the forestry and forest products industry and the mineral extraction and utilization industry in the State.
- Develop programs and coordinate existing and proposed programs to encourage innovative and competitively viable economic development of forest and mineral related industry.
- Stimulate and encourage the forestry and forest products industry and the mineral extraction and utilization industry through grants and loans made under Part 7 (Forest and Mineral Resource Development).
- Review existing laws and regulations pertaining to forestry and the mineral industry and develop proposals for new laws or changes in existing law to improve Michigan's forest and mineral resource development.
- Promote and provide for educational programs for the general public and members of local government to increase awareness of the importance of the forestry and forest products industry and the mineral industry to the State.
- Consult with representatives of science, industry, labor, government, and other groups and use the services of public and private organizations, including colleges and universities, as the DNR considers necessary or helpful.

The bill would eliminate the requirements to administer a grant and loan program and to stimulate and encourage the forestry and forest products industry and the mineral extraction and utilization industry through grants and loans made under Part 7.

The bill also would repeal Sections 701, 703, 704, and 705 of the Act. (Section 701 defines "fund" as the Forest and Mineral Resource Development Fund. Section 703 establishes the Fund. Section 704 requires the Department to establish a forest and mineral resource development grant and loan program, and to promulgate rules necessary to implement the

program. Section 705 specifies that an application for a grant or loan made under Part 7 must be reviewed and prioritized by the Department each fiscal year.)

The bill would take effect 90 days after its enactment.

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FISCAL IMPACT

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

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