

Legislative Analysis



ELIMINATE SKI AREA SAFETY BOARD

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House Bill 4692

Sponsor: Rep. Tom McMillin

Committee: Regulatory Reform

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4692 AS INTRODUCED 5-2-13

The bill would repeal the following sections of the Ski Area Safety Act of 1962:

- Section 3 (MCL 408.323), which established the Ski Area Safety Board and set its membership.
- Section 4 (MCL 408.324), which requires the Governor to appoint members to the Board with the advice and consent of the State Senate. Under the act, Board members serve four-year terms.
- Section 5 (MCL 408.325), which requires the Board to conduct its business at public meetings, sets minimum meeting dates, provides for the election of officers and requires the Legislature to annually establish the per diem compensation of board members and the schedule for reimbursement of expenses.
- Section 7 (MCL 408.327), which requires rules to be promulgated under the Administrative Procedures Act.

In eliminating the Ski Area Safety Board, the responsibility to promulgate rules for the safe construction, installation, repair, use, operation, maintenance, and inspection of all ski areas and ski lifts as necessary to protect the general public would be transferred to the director of the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4692 would have a nominal fiscal impact on the Corporations, Securities, and Commercial Licensing Bureau (CSCLB) within the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) to the extent that LARA would no longer be required to reimburse travel expenses for member of the Ski Area Safety Board (\$468 in FY 2012). LARA has not paid per diem compensation to members of the Board since the Legislature ceased annually establishing such compensation in the early 2000s.

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