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**ICE SHANTY REMOVAL DATES**

**House Bill 6060**

**Sponsor: Rep. Michael Prusi**

**Committee: Conservation, Environment  
and Great Lakes**

**Complete to 9-23-96**

**A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 6060 AS INTRODUCED 9-12-96**

Currently, under the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA), a person who erects an ice fishing shanty on the waters of the Great Lakes must remove the shanty by March 31, if it is located within the Upper Peninsula; March 15, if it is located within northern and central lower Michigan; and March 1 for all other areas, with the exception of shanties on Lake St. Clair. For that lake, the act specifies that ice shanties must be removed before sundown on the first Sunday after February 20, and on a daily basis following that date. House Bill 6060 would amend NREPA to permit the Department of Natural Resources to issue an extension of these dates based on weather conditions. Under the bill, the extension order could only apply for one ice fishing season, and the department could subsequently issue an order amending or revoking the extension order.

House Bill 6060 would also delete the provision allowing for daily placement and removal of ice shanties located on Lake St. Clair following February 20. This would make the final deadline February 20, unless extended by the department under the provisions of the bill.

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