Overview

Provides that the in lieu payments on natural resource lands shall be adjusted for inflation effective for payments made in 2001 and thereafter. Also transfers the responsibility for making the payments to the commissioner of revenue.

1 Terms. Contains a technical cross-reference to the in-lieu sections.

2 Annual appropriations.

Transfers the responsibility for making the in-lieu payments (and the appropriations) from the commissioner of natural resources to the commissioner of revenue. Effective for payments made in 2001 and thereafter.

Provides that all three types of in-lieu payments will be adjusted for inflation, as described in section 5. The three types of land and in lieu payments are:

- the acquired natural resource land at $3 per acre,
- the county administered other natural resource land at 75 cents per acre, and
- the natural resource land administered by the commissioner of natural resources at 37.5 cents per acre.

Provides that the commissioner of natural resources will certify to the commissioner of revenue the number of acres of land that qualifies for payment in each county.

3 Payments for public hunting and game refuges. Eliminates the aid offset for the payments in-lieu that each county receives from public hunting and game refuges. Under current law, these payments are subtracted from the amount of in-lieu payments made under this chapter.

4 Distribution of funds. Provides that the amount of the county's in-lieu payments which are distributed to the resource development fund (of the county) and the amount going to the organized townships shall be adjusted for inflation.

5 Inflation adjustment. Provides that in 2001 and each year thereafter, the in-lieu payments under
section 1 shall be adjusted for inflation. The amount shall be increased by a percentage equal to the percentage increase in the implicit price deflator (IPD) for the period starting with 1980 and ending with the calendar year prior to the year in which the aid is paid. The IPD is the standard for measuring inflation in the change in state and local government consumption expenditures and investments as prepared by the United States Department of Commerce.

6 **Effective date.** Provides that sections 1 to 5 apply to payments made in 2001 and thereafter.