

SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 860

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled  
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"  
(MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 40503.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1           Sec. 40503. (1) The department shall create a plan to restore  
2 American woodcock (*Scolopax minor*) populations in alignment with  
3 the American Woodcock Conservation Plan. The department shall  
4 develop the plan with input from all of the following:
- 5           (a) The American Woodcock Society.
  - 6           (b) The Ruffed Grouse Society.
  - 7           (c) The Michigan United Conservation Clubs.
  - 8           (d) The Wildlife Management Institute.
  - 9           (e) The department's timber and forest products advisory

1 council.

2 (f) The United States Forest Service.

3 (g) The United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

4 (h) Other interested persons.

5 (2) The plan created under subsection (1) must include all of  
6 the following:

7 (a) Interim and final habitat and population goals for  
8 American woodcock for this entire state and each region of this  
9 state, state or national forest management unit, state wildlife  
10 area, and state game area.

11 (b) Habitat treatments.

12 (c) Use of good neighbor authority under federal law on  
13 national forest lands.

14 (d) Information identifying American woodcock habitat needs on  
15 private lands and methods to expand American woodcock habitat and  
16 populations on private lands and providing information on tools for  
17 implementation of those methods.

18 (e) Any other measures necessary for this state to properly  
19 contribute to the restoration of American woodcock populations.

20 (3) The department shall do all of the following:

21 (a) By December 31, 2025, submit the initial plan created  
22 under subsection (1) to the standing committees of the senate and  
23 house of representatives with primary responsibility for natural  
24 resources issues.

25 (b) With input from persons described in subsection (1),  
26 review the plan every 5 years and, if necessary, update the plan.

27 (c) Submit updated plans to the legislative committees  
28 specified in subdivision (a).

29 (d) Every 2 years on July 1, submit to the legislative

1 committees specified in subdivision (a) a report on progress in  
2 meeting the goals set by the plan.