

SENATE BILL NO. 803

April 09, 2024, Introduced by Senators CHERRY and DALEY and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 43525c (MCL 324.43525c), as amended by 2021 PA 6.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 43525c. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section,
2 an individual 18 years of age or older shall not hunt pheasants
3 without a current annual pheasant hunting license issued by this
4 state. The annual pheasant hunting license requirement is in
5 addition to the requirements for a base license. The fee for the

1 pheasant hunting license is \$25.00. The following individuals are
2 not required to obtain an annual pheasant hunting license under
3 this section:

4 (a) An individual only hunting pheasants at a game bird
5 hunting preserve licensed under part 417.

6 (b) An individual hunting pheasants on private land, except
7 for individuals hunting on land enrolled in the hunting access
8 program.

9 (c) An individual hunting pheasants on public land in the
10 Upper Peninsula.

11 (d) An individual who holds a lifetime small game license,
12 lifetime sportsperson's license, or a comprehensive lifetime
13 hunting and fishing license issued under section 44102.

14 (2) If issued as a stamp, a pheasant hunting license must be
15 affixed to the base license of the individual and signed across the
16 face of the stamp by the individual to whom it is issued.

17 (3) A collector may purchase a pheasant hunting license, if it
18 is issued as a stamp, without being required to place it on a base
19 license, sign across its face, or provide proof of competency under
20 section 43520(2). However, a license described in this subsection
21 is not valid for hunting pheasants.

22 (4) Except as provided in sections 43541 and 43555, the
23 department shall deposit the fee collected for each pheasant
24 hunting license in the pheasant subaccount of the game and fish
25 protection account for the purposes stated in subsection (5).

26 (5) The pheasant subaccount is created in the game and fish
27 protection account. The state treasurer may receive money or other
28 assets from any source for deposit into the subaccount. The state
29 treasurer shall direct the investment of the subaccount. The state

1 treasurer shall credit to the subaccount interest and earnings from
2 subaccount investments. Money in the subaccount at the close of the
3 fiscal year remains in the subaccount and does not lapse to the
4 game and fish protection account or the general fund. Money in the
5 subaccount on January 1, ~~2026~~**2031** is transferred to the game and
6 fish protection account. The department is the administrator of the
7 subaccount for auditing purposes. The department shall expend money
8 from the subaccount, upon appropriation, only for costs associated
9 with the purchase and release of live pheasants on state-owned land
10 suitable for pheasants.

11 (6) This section is repealed effective January 1, ~~2026~~**2031**.