

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 276**

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"
by amending sections 40111a, 43520, 43521, 43522, 43523a, 43523b,
43524, 43525b, 43525c, 43527a, 43527b, 43528, 43528a, 43528b,
43529, 43531, 43532, 43532a, 43533, 43535, 43540a, 43540c, 43546,
and 43553 (MCL 324.40111a, 324.43520, 324.43521, 324.43522,
324.43523a, 324.43523b, 324.43524, 324.43525b, 324.43525c,
324.43527a, 324.43527b, 324.43528, 324.43528a, 324.43528b,
324.43529, 324.43531, 324.43532, 324.43532a, 324.43533, 324.43535,
324.43540a, 324.43540c, 324.43546, and 324.43553), section 40111a
as amended by 2015 PA 265, section 43520 as amended by 2024 PA 96,
section 43521 as amended by 2009 PA 69, section 43522 as amended by
1996 PA 585, section 43523a as amended by 2018 PA 3, sections

43523b, 43527a, and 43527b as added and sections 43524, 43528, 43528a, 43528b, 43529, 43531, 43535, and 43553 as amended by 2013 PA 108, section 43525b as amended by 2016 PA 462, section 43525c as amended by 2021 PA 6, section 43532 as amended by 2020 PA 271, section 43532a as amended by 2020 PA 270, section 43533 as amended by 2016 PA 463, section 43540a as amended by 2018 PA 237, section 43540c as added by 2005 PA 117, and section 43546 as amended by 2004 PA 587, and by adding section 503d.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 503d. (1) The department may require an individual to
2 have a base license, mentored youth license, or all-species fishing
3 license or to pay a recreation passport fee to use a state-owned
4 shooting range.

5 (2) The shooting and education fund is created in the state
6 treasury.

7 (3) The state treasurer may receive money or other assets from
8 any source for deposit into the fund. The state treasurer shall
9 direct the investment of the fund. The state treasurer shall credit
10 to the fund interest and earnings from fund investments.

11 (4) Money in the fund at the close of the fiscal year remains
12 in the fund and does not lapse to the general fund.

13 (5) The department is the administrator of the fund for
14 auditing purposes.

15 (6) The department shall expend money from the fund, on
16 appropriation, for the operation and maintenance of state-owned
17 shooting ranges and the administration of shooting education
18 programs.

19 (7) As used in this section:

20 (a) "Fund" means the shooting and education fund created in

1 subsection (2).

2 (b) "Recreation passport fee" means that term as defined in
3 section 2001.

4 Sec. 40111a. (1) The commission, after consultation with the
5 commission of agriculture and rural development, shall issue in the
6 manner provided in section 40113a an order concerning deer and elk
7 feeding in this state.

8 (2) Any order issued by the commission banning deer and elk
9 baiting in this state in effect on October 1, 2025 is no longer in
10 effect beginning April 1, 2026.

11 (3) ~~(2)~~—As used in this section, "deer and elk feeding" means
12 the depositing, distributing, or tending of feed in an area
13 frequented by wild, free-ranging white-tailed deer and elk to
14 prevent them from starving or for recreational viewing. Deer and
15 elk feeding does not include any of the following:

16 (a) Baiting to take game as provided by an order of the
17 commission under section 40113a.

18 (b) The scattering of feed solely as the result of normal
19 logging practices or normal agricultural practices.

20 (c) The storage or use of feed for agricultural purposes if 1
21 or more of the following apply:

22 (i) The area is occupied by livestock actively consuming the
23 feed on a daily basis.

24 (ii) The feed is covered to deter wild, free-ranging white-
25 tailed deer and elk from gaining access to the feed or is being
26 used on a daily basis.

27 (iii) The feed is in a storage facility or is stored in a manner
28 that is consistent with normal agricultural practices.

29 (d) Feeding wild birds or other wildlife if done in such a

manner as to exclude wild, free-ranging white-tailed deer and elk from gaining access to the feed.

Sec. 43520. (1) Subject to other requirements of this part, the department may issue a hunting license to an adult who has a developmental disability, has a guardian appointed under chapter 6 of the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1600 to 330.1644, and is unable to obtain certification of completion of training in hunter safety, or to a minor child if all of the following requirements are met:

(a) A parent or guardian of the individual applies for the license on behalf of the individual.

(b) The parent or guardian represents that the requirements of section 43517, as applicable, will be complied with.

(c) The license fee is paid.

(2) An individual born after January 1, 1960 shall not purchase or attempt to purchase a hunting license, unless the individual presents proof of previous hunting experience in the form of a hunting license issued by this state, another state, a province of Canada, or another country or presents a certification of completion of training in hunter safety issued to the individual by this state, another state, a province of Canada, or another country. If an applicant for a hunting license does not have proof of such a previous license or a certification of completion of training in hunter safety, a person authorized to sell hunting licenses may issue a hunting license if the applicant submits a signed affidavit stating that the applicant has completed a course in hunter safety or that the applicant possessed such a hunting license previously. The person selling a hunting license shall record as specified by the department the form of proof of the

1 previous hunting experience or certification of completion of
2 hunter safety training presented by the applicant. This subsection
3 does not apply to the issuance of an apprentice license, or
4 mentored hunting license. An apprentice license, mentored hunting
5 license, or the equivalent does not satisfy the requirements of
6 this subsection concerning proof of previous hunting experience.

7 (3) An individual who does not meet the requirements of
8 subsection (2) may obtain an apprentice license for the same price
9 as the corresponding regular license that the individual would
10 otherwise be qualified to obtain. An individual 17 years old or
11 older shall not hunt game under an apprentice license unless
12 another individual at least 21 years old who possesses a license,
13 other than an apprentice license, to hunt that game accompanies
14 that apprentice licensee and does not accompany more than 1 other
15 apprentice licensee. For the purposes of this subsection and
16 section 43517(1)(b), an individual shall not go along with more
17 than 2 apprentice licensees of any age for the purpose of
18 accompanying those apprentice licensees while those apprentice
19 licensees are hunting. If an individual has represented to an
20 apprentice licensee or, if the apprentice licensee is a minor
21 child, to the apprentice licensee's parent or guardian that the
22 individual would accompany the apprentice licensee for the purposes
23 of this subsection, the individual shall not go along with the
24 apprentice licensee while the apprentice licensee is hunting unless
25 the individual actually accompanies the apprentice licensee and
26 possesses a license, other than an apprentice license, to hunt the
27 same game as the apprentice licensee. An individual is not eligible
28 to obtain a specific type of apprentice license, such as a deer
29 license, a base license, or a turkey license, for more than 2

1 license years. An apprentice license must be distinguished from a
2 license other than an apprentice license by a notation or other
3 means.

4 (4) Only a minor who is less than 10 years old, a minor child
5 with a developmental disability, or an adult who has a
6 developmental disability and a guardian appointed under chapter 6
7 of the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1600 to 330.1644,
8 may obtain a mentored hunting license. A minor who is less than 10
9 years old, a minor child with a developmental disability, or an
10 adult who has a developmental disability and a guardian appointed
11 under chapter 6 of the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL
12 330.1600 to 330.1644, shall not hunt game under a mentored hunting
13 license unless that individual complies with all requirements of
14 the mentored hunting program established by the commission under
15 section 43517.

16 (5) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the fee
17 for a mentored hunting license is ~~\$7.50.~~ **\$10.00.** A mentored hunting
18 license is free for an individual with a developmental disability.
19 A mentored hunting license includes all of the privileges conferred
20 by all of the following:

21 (a) Base license.

22 (b) Deer license.

23 (c) All-species fishing license.

24 (d) Spring wild turkey hunting license and fall wild turkey
25 hunting license.

26 (e) Fur harvester's license.

27 (6) An individual who purchases a mentored hunting license may
28 apply for or purchase additional licenses ~~pursuant to~~ **in accordance**
29 **with** current regulations, including, but not limited to, all of the

1 following:

2 (a) Antlerless deer licenses under section 43527a.

3 (b) A bear hunting license under section 43528.

4 (c) An elk hunting license under section 43529.

5 (7) An individual hunting with a license purchased under
6 subsection (6) must comply with all requirements of the mentored
7 hunting program established by the commission under section 43517.

8 (8) By September 1, 2023 and every 4 years after that date,
9 the department shall submit a report to the standing committees of
10 the senate and house of representatives with primary responsibility
11 for conservation and outdoor recreation issues evaluating whether
12 the fee revenue received by the department from mentored hunting
13 licenses under subsection (5) is adequate to administer the
14 mentored hunting program.

15 (9) As used in this section, "developmental disability" means
16 that term as defined in section 100a of the mental health code,
17 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1100a.

18 Sec. 43521. Notwithstanding any other section of this part,
19 the ~~department~~**commission** may discount the price of a license for
20 the following purposes:

21 (a) For marketing purposes to increase participation in
22 hunting and fishing activities.

23 (b) The price of any license or application fee may be
24 discounted or eliminated to achieve a harvest or management
25 objective for that species.

26 Sec. 43522. If ~~a person~~**an individual** applying for a license
27 or permit under this part does not possess a Michigan driver
28 license or other identification, the department shall issue a
29 sportcard. A person authorized by the department to issue licenses

shall charge a ~~\$1.00~~ **\$2.00** fee for each sportcard that ~~he or she~~
the person issues. The authorized person shall forward the required
 form and the fee collected ~~pursuant to~~ **under** this section to the
 department. The department shall issue a license and a sportcard
 provided for in this part if the applicant satisfies the license
 requirements and pays the license fees.

Sec. 43523a. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this part, an
 individual shall not hunt small game, unless the individual
 possesses a current base license. A base license authorizes the
 individual named in the license to hunt for small game, except for
 animals or birds that require a special license.

(2) If authorized in an order issued under part 401, an
 individual who possesses a current base license may take specified
 fur-bearing animals by means other than trapping during the open
 season for hunting these fur-bearing animals. However, an
 individual who goes on a bobcat hunt with a licensed hunter is not
 required to possess a base license if the individual does not carry
 a firearm, bow, or crossbow and does not own dogs used to chase or
 locate a bobcat during the hunt.

(3) The fee for a base license is as follows:

(a) ~~Subject to subdivision (b), for~~ **For** a resident,
~~\$10.00.~~ **\$15.00.**

~~(b) For a resident minor child or nonresident minor child,~~
~~\$5.00.~~

(b) ~~(c) Subject to subdivision (b), for~~ **For** a nonresident,
~~\$150.00.~~ **\$200.00.**

(4) A base license is void between the hours of 1/2 hour after
 sunset and 1/2 hour before sunrise with the exception of coyote
 hunting.

(5) A nonresident may purchase a limited nonresident small game license entitling that individual to hunt for a 7-day period all species of small game that are available to hunt under a nonresident base license. The fee for a 7-day limited nonresident small game license is ~~\$80.00.~~ **\$125.00.** Except for the purchase of a waterfowl hunting license under section 43525b, the purchase of a 7-day limited nonresident small game license does not entitle the holder to purchase any additional licenses.

(6) ~~Beginning March 1, 2018, a~~ **A** nonresident may purchase a 3-day limited nonresident small game license entitling that individual to hunt for a 3-day period all species of small game that are available to hunt under a nonresident base license. The fee for a 3-day limited nonresident small game license is ~~\$50.00.~~ **\$80.00.** Except for the purchase of a waterfowl hunting license issued under section 43525b, the purchase of a 3-day limited nonresident small game license does not entitle the holder to purchase any additional licenses.

(7) ~~Not later than March 1, 2018, the~~ **The** department shall develop an electronic license that allows an individual to display an electronic copy of ~~his or her~~ **the individual's** base license using an electronic device.

Sec. 43523b. (1) ~~Beginning March 1, 2014, the~~ **The** fee for a resident combination hunt and fish license is ~~\$75.00~~ **\$100.00** and ~~shall include~~ **includes** all of the privileges conferred by all of the following **in accordance with current regulations:**

- (a) ~~Resident~~ **A resident** base license.
- (b) Two deer licenses.
- (c) ~~All-species~~ **An all-species** fishing license.

(2) ~~Beginning March 1, 2014, the~~ **The** fee for a nonresident

combination hunt and fish license, **where authorized by the department**, is ~~\$265.00~~ **\$355.00** and ~~shall include~~ **includes** all of the privileges conferred by all of the following **in accordance with current regulation**:

- (a) ~~Nonresident~~ **A nonresident** base license.
- (b) Two deer licenses.
- (c) ~~All-species~~ **An all-species** fishing license.

(3) The department may issue orders under part 401 designating the kind of deer that may be taken and the geographic area in which any license issued under this section is valid, when advisable in managing deer.

(4) The fee for a resident complete license is \$150.00 and includes all of the privileges conferred by all of the following in accordance with current regulations:

- (a) A resident base license.
- (b) Two deer licenses.
- (c) One antlerless deer license.
- (d) An all-species fishing license.
- (e) A spring and fall wild turkey hunting license.
- (f) A waterfowl hunting license.
- (g) A pheasant hunting license.
- (h) A fur harvester's license.

(5) The fee for a nonresident complete license is \$450.00 and includes all of the privileges conferred by all of the following in accordance with current regulations:

- (a) A nonresident base license.
- (b) Two deer licenses.
- (c) One antlerless deer license.
- (d) An all-species fishing license.

1 (e) A spring and fall wild turkey hunting license.

2 (f) A waterfowl hunting license.

3 (g) A pheasant hunting license.

4 (h) A fur harvester's license.

5 (6) From the fees collected under subsection (4), the
6 department shall do all of the following:

7 (a) Deposit \$15.00 in the cold-water subaccount created in
8 section 43532.

9 (b) Use \$12.00 as provided in section 43524(5).

10 (c) Use \$16.00 as provided in section 43525b(4)(a) to (c).

11 (d) Deposit \$25.00 into the pheasant subaccount created in
12 section 43525c.

13 (e) Use \$1.50 as provided in section 43554.

14 (7) From the fees collected under subsection (5), the
15 department shall do all of the following:

16 (a) Deposit \$15.00 in the cold-water subaccount created in
17 section 43532.

18 (b) Use \$12.00 as provided in section 43524(5).

19 (c) Use \$16.00 as provided in section 43525b(4)(a) to (c).

20 (d) Deposit \$25.00 into the pheasant subaccount created in
21 section 43525c.

22 (e) Use \$1.50 as provided in section 43554.

23 Sec. 43524. (1) An individual shall not hunt wild turkey
24 without a wild turkey hunting license. ~~The fee for a resident wild~~
25 ~~turkey hunting license is \$15.00. The fee for a nonresident wild~~
26 ~~turkey hunting license is \$69.00.~~ Subject to the requirements of
27 section 40113a, the commission may issue an order requiring that
28 all applications for wild turkey hunting licenses, or applications
29 for wild turkey hunting licenses for certain geographic areas, be

1 entered into a lottery designed and run by the department. An
 2 individual selected in a lottery, upon meeting the requirements of
 3 this part, is authorized to purchase a wild turkey hunting license.
 4 The license shall be issued for a specified hunting period and
 5 confers upon the holder of the license the right to hunt wild
 6 turkeys.

7 ~~(2) The department may charge a nonrefundable application fee~~
 8 ~~not to exceed \$4.00 for each application for a wild turkey hunting~~
 9 ~~license that is entered into a lottery under subsection (1).~~

10 ~~(3) From fees collected under subsection (1) or (2), the~~
 11 ~~following amounts shall be used for scientific research, biological~~
 12 ~~survey work on wild turkeys, creation and management of wild turkey~~
 13 ~~habitat on state land, national forestland, and private land,~~
 14 ~~annual wild turkey hunter surveys, disease testing for wild turkeys~~
 15 ~~suspected of having a disease and voluntarily submitted to the~~
 16 ~~department of natural resources, and other wild turkey management~~
 17 ~~in this state.~~

18	(a) Resident wild turkey hunting license	\$ 9.50
19	(b) Nonresident wild turkey hunting license	\$ 50.00
20	(c) Senior wild turkey hunting license	\$ 1.00
21	(d) Wild turkey hunting application	amount of
22		application fee, if any,
23		but not more than \$ 3.00.

24 ~~(2) (4)~~ The department shall, to the extent possible, use the
 25 money from subsection ~~(3)~~ **(5)** to create and manage wild turkey
 26 habitat on state forestland, state game areas, national forestland,
 27 and private land, where appropriate. The department shall, before
 28 January 1 of each year, provide to the standing committees in the
 29 senate and house of representatives that primarily consider issues

relating to natural resources a report detailing the expenditures for the prior year under subsection ~~(3)~~. **(5)**.

(3) ~~(5)~~ Beginning March 1, 2014, only **Only** an individual holding a valid base license is eligible to purchase a wild turkey hunting license, ~~pursuant to~~ **in accordance with** current regulations. The fee for a wild turkey hunting license is ~~\$15.00~~. **\$18.00**.

(4) ~~(6)~~ Beginning March 1, 2014, ~~the~~ **The** department may charge a nonrefundable application fee not to exceed ~~\$5.00~~ **\$6.00** for each application for a wild turkey hunting license that is entered into a lottery under subsection (1).

(5) ~~(7)~~ Beginning March 1, 2014, ~~from~~ **From** fees collected under subsection ~~(5) or (6)~~, **(3) or (4)**, the following amounts ~~shall~~ **must** be used for scientific research, biological survey work on wild turkeys, creation and management of wild turkey habitat on state land, national forestland, and private land, annual wild turkey hunter surveys, disease testing for wild turkeys suspected of having a disease and voluntarily submitted to the department of natural resources, and other wild turkey management in this state:

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| (a) Wild turkey hunting license | \$9.50 12.00 |
| (b) Senior wild turkey hunting license | \$ 1.00 2.00 |
| (c) Wild turkey hunting application | amount of |
| | application fee, if any, |
| | but not more than \$ |
| | 3.00 5.00 |

Sec. 43525b. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this part, an individual 16 years of age or older shall not hunt waterfowl without a current waterfowl hunting license issued by this state. The annual license requirement is in addition to the requirements

for a base license and federal migratory bird hunting stamp. The fee for ~~the a~~ waterfowl hunting license is ~~\$12.00-\$18.00~~.

(2) If issued as a stamp, a waterfowl hunting license ~~shall~~ **must** be affixed to the base license of the individual and signed across the face of the stamp by the individual to whom it is issued.

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

(4) From the fee collected for each waterfowl hunting license, the department shall use the following amounts:

(a) ~~\$9.00 shall~~ **\$12.00 from each waterfowl hunting license** **must** be used to acquire, restore, or enhance wetlands and other lands to be managed for the benefit of waterfowl. ~~Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, not more than 0.25% of the money under this subdivision shall be used to acquire lands. However, if all of the money appropriated from the natural resources trust fund for eco-region acquisition carried over from previous fiscal years is spent, then the 0.25% limitation under this subdivision does not apply.~~ The department shall not acquire land under this subdivision until that acquisition is approved by the joint capital outlay subcommittee.

(b) ~~\$1.93 shall~~ **\$3.00 from each waterfowl hunting license must** be used to operate, maintain, and develop managed waterfowl areas in this state.

(c) **\$1.00 from each waterfowl hunting license to match federal wetland investment programs.**

1 (d) ~~(e)~~ The remaining amount ~~shall~~ **must** be retained under
2 section 43541 or used for administration of this part.

3 (5) ~~Not later than March 1, 2018, the~~ **The** department shall
4 develop an electronic license that allows an individual to display
5 an electronic copy of ~~his or her~~ **the individual's** Michigan
6 waterfowl hunting license using an electronic device.

7 Sec. 43525c. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section,
8 an individual 18 years of age or older shall not hunt pheasants
9 without a current annual pheasant hunting license issued by this
10 state. The annual pheasant hunting license requirement is in
11 addition to the requirements for a base license. The fee for ~~the a~~
12 pheasant hunting license is \$25.00. The following individuals are
13 not required to obtain an annual pheasant hunting license under
14 this section:

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

17 (b) An individual hunting pheasants on private land, except
18 for individuals hunting on land enrolled in the hunting access
19 program.

20 (c) An individual hunting pheasants on public land in the
21 Upper Peninsula.

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

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

28 (3) A collector may purchase a pheasant hunting license, if it
29 is issued as a stamp, without being required to place it on a base

license, sign across its face, or provide proof of competency under section 43520(2). However, a license described in this subsection is not valid for hunting pheasants.

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

(5) The pheasant subaccount is created in the game and fish protection account. The state treasurer may receive money or other assets from any source for deposit into the subaccount. The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the subaccount. The state treasurer shall credit to the subaccount interest and earnings from subaccount investments. Money in the subaccount at the close of the fiscal year remains in the subaccount and does not lapse to the game and fish protection account or the general fund. ~~Money in the subaccount on January 1, 2026 is transferred to the game and fish protection account.~~ The department is the administrator of the subaccount for auditing purposes. The department shall expend money from the subaccount, ~~upon~~ **on** appropriation, only for costs associated with the purchase and release of live pheasants on state-owned land suitable for pheasants.

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

Sec. 43527a. (1) ~~Beginning March 1, 2014, only~~ **Only** an individual holding a valid base license is eligible to purchase a deer license, or an antlerless deer license, ~~pursuant to~~ **in accordance with** current regulations. The fee for a deer license ~~or an antlerless deer license is \$20.00.~~ **\$25.00.**

(2) ~~Beginning March 1, 2014, the~~ **The** department shall charge a nonrefundable application fee not to exceed ~~\$5.00~~ **\$6.00** for each

1 individual who applies for an antlerless deer license. **The**
2 **department shall provide a wildlife management discount on all**
3 **antlerless deer licenses equal to an 80% discount from the cost of**
4 **a deer license.**

5 (3) The department may issue a kill tag with or as part of
6 each deer license. The kill tag ~~shall~~**must** bear the license number.
7 The kill tag may also include space for other pertinent information
8 required by the department. The kill tag, if issued, is part of the
9 license.

10 (4) Where authorized by the department, a resident may
11 purchase a second deer license for the fee assessed under this
12 subsection for the deer license for which that individual is
13 eligible. However, a senior license discount is not available for
14 the purchase of a second deer license. Where authorized by the
15 department, a nonresident may purchase an additional deer license
16 ~~or antlerless deer license under this section for \$170.00.~~**\$225.00.**
17 The department may issue orders under part 401 designating the kind
18 of deer that may be taken and the geographic area in which any
19 license issued under this section is valid, when advisable in
20 managing deer. **The commission may issue orders under section 40113a**
21 **requiring an individual to take an antlerless deer before that**
22 **individual may take a second antlered deer.**

23 Sec. 43527b. The department may issue deer management
24 assistance permits pursuant to current regulations. **The fee for a**
25 **deer management assistance permit is \$5.00. The department shall**
26 **provide a wildlife management discount on all antlerless deer**
27 **management assistance permits equal to an 80% discount from the**
28 **cost of a deer management assistance permit.**

29 Sec. 43528. (1) An individual shall not hunt bear unless the

1 individual possesses a bear hunting license. ~~However, an~~ **Only an**
 2 **individual holding a valid base license is eligible to purchase a**
 3 **bear hunting license, in accordance with current regulations. An**
 4 individual who goes on a bear hunt with a licensed hunter is not
 5 required to possess a bear hunting license if the individual does
 6 not carry a firearm, bow, or crossbow and does not own dogs used to
 7 chase or locate bear during the hunt. ~~Beginning March 1, 2014, only~~
 8 ~~an individual holding a valid base license is eligible to purchase~~
 9 ~~a bear hunting license, pursuant to current regulations.~~

10 (2) The fee for a resident bear hunting license is ~~\$15.00.~~
 11 **\$30.00.** The fee for a nonresident bear hunting license is ~~\$150.00.~~
 12 **\$180.00.** ~~Beginning March 1, 2014, the fee for a bear hunting~~
 13 ~~license is \$25.00.~~

14 (3) The department may issue a kill tag with, or as a part of,
 15 a bear hunting license. The kill tag ~~shall~~ **must** bear the license
 16 number. The kill tag may also include space for other pertinent
 17 information required by the department. The kill tag, if issued, is
 18 part of the license.

19 (4) ~~In addition to the license fees in subsection (2), the~~
 20 ~~department shall charge a nonrefundable application fee not to~~
 21 ~~exceed \$4.00 for each individual who applies for a bear hunting~~
 22 ~~license. Beginning March 1, 2014, in~~ **In** addition to the license
 23 fees in subsection (2), the department shall charge a nonrefundable
 24 application fee not to exceed ~~\$5.00~~ **\$6.00** for each individual who
 25 applies for a bear hunting license.

26 (5) ~~Beginning March 1, 2014, the~~ **The** following individuals
 27 chasing or locating bear with dogs during the open season for that
 28 game and who hold a valid base license are eligible for the
 29 purchase of a bear participation license for a fee of

1 ~~\$15.00~~ **+\$30.00:**

2 (a) Any individual possessing a firearm, crossbow, or bow and
3 arrow.

4 (b) The owner, when present, of any dog chasing or locating
5 bear.

6 Sec. 43528a. (1) A resident shall not hunt moose without a
7 moose hunting license. ~~Beginning March 1, 2014, only~~ **Only** a
8 resident holding a valid base license is eligible to purchase a
9 moose hunting license, ~~pursuant to~~ **in accordance with** current
10 regulations. The fee for a moose hunting license is \$100.00. The
11 department may establish a nonrefundable application fee not to
12 exceed ~~\$4.00~~ **\$6.00** for each individual who applies for a moose
13 hunting license. ~~Beginning March 1, 2014, the department may~~
14 ~~establish a nonrefundable application fee not to exceed \$5.00 for~~
15 ~~each individual who applies for a moose hunting license.~~

16 (2) The department may issue a kill tag with, or as part of, a
17 moose hunting license. The kill tag ~~shall~~ **must** bear the license
18 number. The kill tag may also include space for other pertinent
19 information required by the department. The kill tag, if issued, is
20 part of the license.

21 Sec. 43528b. (1) An individual shall not hunt wolf without a
22 wolf hunting license. ~~Beginning March 1, 2014, only~~ **Only** an
23 individual holding a valid base license is eligible to purchase a
24 wolf hunting license. The fee for a resident wolf hunting license
25 is \$100.00. The fee for a nonresident wolf hunting license is
26 \$500.00. The department may establish a nonrefundable application
27 fee not to exceed ~~\$4.00~~ **\$6.00** for each individual who applies for a
28 wolf hunting license. ~~Beginning March 1, 2014, the department may~~
29 ~~establish a nonrefundable application fee not to exceed \$5.00 for~~

~~each individual who applies for a wolf hunting license.~~

(2) The department may issue a kill tag with, or as part of, a wolf hunting license. The kill tag ~~shall~~**must** bear the license number. The kill tag may also include space for other pertinent information required by the department. The kill tag, if issued, is part of the license.

Sec. 43529. (1) A resident shall not hunt elk during the elk season without an elk hunting license. ~~Beginning March 1, 2014,~~
~~only~~**Only** a resident holding a valid base license is eligible to purchase an elk hunting license, ~~pursuant to~~**in accordance with** current regulations. The fee for an elk hunting license is ~~\$100.00.~~
~~The department may establish a nonrefundable application fee not to exceed \$4.00 for each individual who applies for an elk hunting license. Beginning March 1, 2014, the~~**\$125.00. The** department may establish a nonrefundable application fee not to exceed ~~\$5.00~~**\$6.00** for each individual who applies for an elk hunting license.

(2) The department may issue a kill tag with, or as a part of, an elk hunting license. The kill tag ~~shall~~**must** bear the license number. The kill tag may also include space for other pertinent information required by the department. The kill tag, if issued, is part of the license.

Sec. 43531. (1) Except as otherwise provided in ~~section 43523(2) or section 43523a(2),~~ an individual shall not trap or hunt fur-bearing animals unless the individual possesses a fur harvester's license. **An individual shall not trap or hunt a bobcat unless the individual possesses a bobcat kill tag.** However, an individual who goes on a bobcat hunt with a licensed hunter is not required to possess a fur harvester's license if the individual does not carry a firearm, bow, or crossbow and does not own dogs

1 used to chase or locate a bobcat during the hunt.

2 ~~(2) The fee for a resident fur harvester's license is \$15.00.~~
 3 ~~The fee for a fur harvester's license for a resident or nonresident~~
 4 ~~minor child 10 years old or older shall be discounted 50% from the~~
 5 ~~cost of the resident fur harvester's license.~~

6 ~~(3) Until March 1, 2014, the department may issue a~~
 7 ~~nonresident fur harvester's license to a nonresident of this state~~
 8 ~~if the state, province, or country in which the nonresident~~
 9 ~~applicant resides allows residents of this state to obtain~~
 10 ~~equivalent hunting and trapping privileges in that state, province,~~
 11 ~~or country. The fee for an eligible nonresident fur harvester's~~
 12 ~~license is \$150.00. Nonresident fur harvester's licenses shall not~~
 13 ~~be sold or purchased before November 15 of each year.~~

14 (2) ~~(4)~~ An individual who holds a fur harvester's license may
 15 hunt fur-bearing animals during the season open to taking fur-
 16 bearing animals with firearms and may trap fur-bearing animals
 17 during the season open to trapping fur-bearing animals.

18 (3) ~~(5) Beginning March 1, 2014, only~~ **Only** an individual
 19 holding a valid base license is eligible to purchase a fur
 20 harvester's license, ~~pursuant to~~ **in accordance with** current
 21 regulations. The fee for a fur harvester's license is ~~\$15.00.~~
 22 **\$18.00. Beginning March 1, 2027, only an individual holding a valid**
 23 **fur harvester's license is eligible to purchase a bobcat kill tag.**
 24 **The fee for a bobcat kill tag is \$18.00.**

25 (4) ~~(6) Beginning March 1, 2014, for~~ **For** a nonresident holding
 26 a valid base license and a valid fur harvester's license, the fur
 27 harvester's license is not valid for fur-bearing species for which
 28 a bag limit has been established.

29 Sec. 43532. (1) An all-species fishing license entitles the

1 licensee to take and possess all aquatic species as prescribed by
2 law.

3 (2) An individual ~~17-16~~ years of age or older shall not take
4 or possess an aquatic species, except aquatic insects, in the
5 waters over which this state has jurisdiction without an all-
6 species fishing license. Except as otherwise provided in this
7 subsection, the fee for a resident all-species fishing license is
8 ~~\$25.00.~~ **\$30.00.** Except as otherwise provided in this subsection,
9 the fee for a nonresident all-species fishing license is ~~\$75.00.~~
10 **\$90.00.** An individual under ~~17-16~~ years of age may take and possess
11 aquatic species in the waters over which this state has
12 jurisdiction without an all-species fishing license. However, an
13 individual under ~~17-16~~ years of age may obtain an all-species
14 fishing license. The fee for a resident or nonresident who is under
15 ~~17-16~~ years of age for an all-species fishing license is \$2.00.

16 (3) The department shall develop an electronic license that
17 allows an individual to display an electronic copy of ~~his or her~~
18 **the individual's** all-species fishing license using an electronic
19 device.

20 (4) **The cold-water subaccount is created in the game and fish**
21 **protection account. The state treasurer may receive money or other**
22 **assets from any source for deposit into the subaccount. The state**
23 **treasurer shall direct the investment of the subaccount. The state**
24 **treasurer shall credit to the subaccount interest and earnings from**
25 **subaccount investments. Money in the subaccount at the close of the**
26 **fiscal year remains in the subaccount and does not lapse to the**
27 **game and fish protection account or the general fund. The**
28 **department is the administrator of the subaccount for auditing**
29 **purposes. The department shall expend money from the subaccount, on**

1 appropriation, only for cold-water habitat improvement and
 2 monitoring, production, and dam removal to benefit cold-water
 3 species.

4 (5) From the fees collected in subsection (2), the following
 5 amounts must be deposited in the cold-water subaccount created in
 6 subsection (4):

7 (a) \$5.00 from each resident all-species fishing license.

8 (b) \$15.00 from each nonresident all-species fishing license.

9 Sec. 43532a. (1) The department shall charge an additional
 10 ~~\$1.00~~ **\$5.00** for each of the following licenses:

11 (a) A base license issued under sections 43523a(3) and
 12 43535(2).

13 (b) A combination hunt and fish license issued under section
 14 43523b.

15 (c) Except for those licenses purchased by individuals under
 16 ~~17-16~~ years of age, an all-species fishing license issued under
 17 sections 43532(2) and 43536(1).

18 (d) **A complete license issued under section 43523b.**

19 (2) The department shall deposit money generated under this
 20 section ~~in~~ **as follows:**

21 (a) **\$2.00 in** the Michigan wildlife management public education
 22 subaccount created in section 43532b.

23 (b) **\$2.00 in the hunting and fishing education and recruitment**
 24 **fund created in section 43553.**

25 (c) **\$1.00 in the hunters feeding Michigan fund created in**
 26 **section 43540c.**

27 Sec. 43533. (1) A resident ~~or nonresident~~ may purchase a 24-
 28 hour fishing license entitling that individual to take, for a
 29 designated 24-hour period, and possess all aquatic species as

prescribed by law. The fee for a **resident** 24-hour fishing license is ~~\$10.00~~ **\$15.00** per designated consecutive 24-hour period.

~~(2) A resident or nonresident may purchase a 72-hour fishing license entitling that individual to take, for a designated 72-hour period, and possess all aquatic species as prescribed by law. The fee for a 72-hour fishing license is \$30.00 per designated consecutive 72-hour period.~~

(2) A nonresident may purchase a 24-hour fishing license entitling that individual to take, for a designated 24-hour period, and possess all aquatic species as prescribed by law. The fee for a nonresident 24-hour fishing license is \$25.00 per designated consecutive 24-hour period.

~~(3) Not later than March 1, 2018, the~~ **The** department shall develop an electronic license that allows an individual to display an electronic copy of ~~his or her~~ **the individual's** 24-hour ~~or 72-hour~~ fishing license using an electronic device.

Sec. 43535. ~~(1) Until March 1, 2014, a resident of this state who is 65 years of age or older may obtain a senior small game license, a senior firearm deer license, a senior bow and arrow deer license, a senior bear hunting license, a senior wild turkey hunting license, or a senior fur harvester's license. The fee for each senior license shall be discounted 60% from the fee for the resident license.~~

~~(2) Beginning March 1, 2014, a~~ **A** resident of this state who is 65 years of age or older may obtain a senior base license, a senior deer license, a senior wild turkey hunting license, or a senior fur harvester's license. **A resident of this state who is 16 years of age or younger may obtain a child base license, a child deer license, a child wild turkey hunting license, or a child fur**

1 **harvester's license.** The fee for each senior **or child** license shall
 2 be discounted 60% from the fee for the resident license.

3 Sec. 43540a. (1) Subject to subsection (4), by January 1,
 4 2007, the department shall implement a program to distribute wild
 5 game to people in need. The program shall be known as the ~~sportsmen~~
 6 ~~against hunger~~ **hunters feeding Michigan** program.

7 (2) Under the program, the department shall do all of the
 8 following:

9 (a) Collect donations of legally taken game that complies with
 10 all state and federal game laws, including any requirement that the
 11 parts of the game be intact.

12 (b) Contract for processing the donated game.

13 (c) Distribute the processed game to food banks, soup
 14 kitchens, and other charitable organizations that provide meals or
 15 food to people free of charge.

16 (d) Promote the program through the license distribution
 17 system and other means that will further the mission of the
 18 program.

19 (3) Under the program, the department may request financial
 20 donations to offset the cost of processing donated game. The
 21 financial donations are tax deductible.

22 (4) The department may contract for the administration of the
 23 program by a nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation
 24 under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code, 26 USC 501,
 25 if the department determines that it is more efficient to do so.
 26 Subject to section 43540c(9), payments under the contract ~~shall~~
 27 **must** be adequate to cover the nonprofit organization's costs in
 28 administering the program. Before entering such a contract, the
 29 department shall issue a request for proposals. If the request for

1 proposals does not yield a bid that meets the requirements of this
2 section, the department is not required to implement the ~~sportsmen~~
3 ~~against hunger~~ **hunters feeding Michigan** program.

4 (5) To qualify to enter a contract under subsection (4), a
5 nonprofit organization must have demonstrated a commitment to the
6 goals of the program and have at least 5 years of experience in
7 providing wild game or other food to people free of charge. The
8 contract ~~shall~~ **must** require that the contracting nonprofit
9 organization do all of the following:

10 (a) Maintain a license under the charitable organizations and
11 solicitations act, 1975 PA 169, MCL 400.271 to 400.294.

12 (b) Maintain adequate staff to perform the tasks outlined in
13 the contract.

14 (c) Annually undergo an independent financial audit and
15 provide the audit information and report to the department.

16 (6) As used in this section, "program" means the ~~sportsmen~~
17 ~~against hunger~~ **hunters feeding Michigan** program created under
18 subsection (1).

19 Sec. 43540c. (1) Subject to subsection (2), when a person
20 applies for a license under this part, the department or the
21 department's agent shall ask whether the person would like to
22 donate \$1.00 to the ~~sportsmen against hunger~~ **hunters feeding**
23 **Michigan** program created by the department under section 43540a
24 and, if so, shall collect the donation with the license fee. A
25 person designated by the department to issue licenses shall not
26 receive a commission under section 43541 for the donation.

27 (2) Subsection (1) applies to license applications made
28 beginning January 1, 2006.

29 (3) A donation under subsection (1) is in addition to the

1 license fee.

2 (4) The department shall transfer donations under subsection
3 (1) to the state treasurer for deposit in the fund.

4 (5) The ~~sportsmen against hunger~~ **hunters feeding Michigan** fund
5 is created ~~within~~ **in** the state treasury.

6 (6) The state treasurer may receive money or other assets from
7 any source for deposit into the fund. The state treasurer shall
8 direct the investment of the fund. The state treasurer shall credit
9 to the fund interest and earnings from fund investments.

10 (7) Money in the fund at the close of the fiscal year ~~shall~~
11 ~~remain~~ **remains** in the fund and ~~shall~~ **does** not lapse to the general
12 fund.

13 (8) ~~Money~~ **The department shall expend money** from the fund,
14 ~~shall be expended, upon~~ **on** appropriation, only ~~by the department~~
15 for 1 or more of the following purposes:

16 (a) The costs of administering the fund, including the costs
17 of collecting donations to the fund.

18 (b) The administration of the ~~sportsmen against hunger~~ **hunters**
19 **feeding Michigan** program created under section 43540a, including,
20 if applicable, the costs of any contract with a nonprofit
21 organization to administer the ~~sportsmen against hunger~~ **hunters**
22 **feeding Michigan** program, as authorized under section 43540a(4).

23 (9) The department shall not incur costs described in
24 subsection (8) in excess of the amount of revenue in the fund
25 available to cover such costs.

26 (10) As used in this section, "fund" means the ~~sportsmen~~
27 ~~against hunger~~ **hunters feeding Michigan** fund created in subsection
28 (5).

29 Sec. 43546. (1) ~~Before June 1~~ **By May 1** of each year, the

department shall determine the total number of ~~senior hunting and fishing-qualified~~ licenses issued and the total fees collected the preceding license year. The department shall determine the total fees that would have been collected if those ~~senior citizens~~ **individuals** had been required to purchase full-price resident hunting and fishing licenses during the preceding license year. From this total, the department shall subtract the fees collected from the sale of ~~senior hunting and fishing-qualified~~ licenses during the preceding license year. The difference is the amount that would otherwise be collected.

(2) ~~The legislature~~ **By May 1 of each year, the department** shall ~~annually appropriate from the general fund a sum equal to~~ **notify the department of treasury, the senate fiscal agency, the house fiscal agency, and the state budget office of both of the following:**

(a) **The amount of the** fees that would otherwise be collected as determined ~~pursuant to~~ **under** subsection (1). ~~The sum appropriated shall be credited to the game and fish protection account.~~

(b) **The amount of the fees and commissions retained under section 43541.**

(3) As used in this section, "qualified licenses" means any of the following:

(a) A senior hunting and fishing license issued under section 43535 and 43536.

(b) A child hunting and fishing license issued under section 43532 and 43535.

(c) An antlerless deer license issued under section 43527a.

(d) A free license issued to a disabled veteran under section

1 **43537.**

2 **(e) A free license issued to an active member of the military**
3 **under section 43536a.**

4 Sec. 43553. (1) The department shall transmit all money
5 received from the sale of licenses to the state treasurer, together
6 with a statement indicating the amount of money received and the
7 source of the money.

8 (2) Except as provided in section 43555 and subsection (5),
9 the state treasurer shall credit the money received from the sale
10 of passbooks and licenses to the game and fish protection account.

11 (3) Except as provided in sections 43524, ~~43525,~~ 43525b, and
12 43554 and subsection (4), money credited to the game and fish
13 protection account shall be paid out by the state treasurer
14 ~~pursuant to~~ **in accordance with** the accounting laws of this state
15 for the following purposes:

16 (a) Services rendered by the department, together with the
17 expenses incurred in the enforcement and administration of the
18 wildlife and fisheries laws of the state, including the necessary
19 equipment and apparatus incident to the operation and enforcement
20 of the wildlife and fisheries laws, and the protection,
21 propagation, distribution, and control of wildlife and fish.

22 (b) The propagation and liberation of wildlife or fish and for
23 their increase at the time, place, and manner as the department
24 considers advisable.

25 (c) The purchase, lease, and management of lands, together
26 with the necessary equipment for the purpose of propagating and
27 rearing wildlife or fish, and for establishing and maintaining game
28 refuges, wildlife sanctuaries, and public shooting and fishing
29 grounds. Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, not more

1 than 0.25% of the money credited to the game and fish protection
 2 account ~~shall~~**must** be used to purchase lands under this
 3 subdivision. However, if all of the money appropriated from the
 4 natural resources trust fund for eco-region acquisition carried
 5 over from previous fiscal years is spent, then the 0.25% limitation
 6 under this subdivision does not apply. Land ~~shall~~**must** not be
 7 purchased under this subdivision until that purchase is approved by
 8 the joint capital outlay subcommittee. **The department shall**
 9 **primarily manage any land purchased or leased under this**
 10 **subdivision for 1 of the following purposes:**

11 (i) Propagating and rearing wildlife or fish.

12 (ii) Maintaining game refuges, wildlife sanctuaries, and public
 13 shooting and fishing grounds.

14 (d) Conducting investigations and compiling and publishing
 15 information relative to the propagation, protection, and
 16 conservation of wildlife.

17 (e) Delivering lectures, developing cooperation, and carrying
 18 on appropriate educational activities relating to the conservation
 19 of the wildlife of this state.

20 (4) The department may make direct grants to colleges and
 21 universities in this state, out of funds appropriated from the game
 22 and fish protection account, to conduct fish or wildlife research
 23 or both fish and wildlife research.

24 (5) The ~~youth~~ hunting and fishing education and ~~outreach~~
 25 **recruitment** fund is created as a separate fund in the department of
 26 treasury. ~~Until March 1, 2014, the state treasurer shall credit to~~
 27 ~~the youth hunting and fishing education and outreach fund the money~~
 28 ~~received from the sale of small game licenses and all species~~
 29 ~~fishing licenses under sections 43523 and 43532, respectively, to~~

~~minor children. Beginning March 1, 2014, the state treasurer shall credit to the youth hunting and fishing education and outreach fund \$1.00 received from the sale of each base license to minor children under section 43523a. Money in the youth hunting and fishing education and outreach~~**recruitment** ~~fund at the close of the fiscal year shall remain~~**remains** ~~in the fund and shall~~**does** ~~not lapse to the general fund.~~

(6) Money credited to the ~~youth hunting and fishing education and outreach~~**recruitment** fund shall be paid out by the state treasurer ~~pursuant to~~**in accordance with** the accounting laws of this state ~~for~~**as follows:**

(a) **At least 50% for** hunting and fishing education. ~~and outreach programs for minor children.~~

(b) **The balance on hunting and fishing recruitment activities.**

(7) The department and any other executive department of ~~the~~**this** state that receives money from the game and fish protection account or the ~~youth hunting and fishing education and outreach~~**recruitment** fund shall submit an annual report to the legislature showing the amount of money received by the department or other executive department from the game and fish protection account or the ~~youth hunting and fishing education and outreach~~**recruitment** fund and how that money was spent. An executive department required to submit a report as provided in this subsection shall send a copy of the report to the legislature and to the department.

~~(8) Not later than November 1, 2013, the department shall complete and post on its website a fisheries division strategic and tactical plan with measures and metrics.~~

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect unless Senate Bill No. 277 of the 103rd Legislature is enacted into

law.