

HOUSE BILL No. 5127

November 9, 1987, Introduced by Reps. Bartnik, Middaugh, DeMars, Ouwinga, Trim, Pridnia, Stacey, Sikkema, Scott, Niederstadt, Hart, Alley, Spaniola, Gagliardi, Maynard, Brotherton, Bennett, Hoffman, Griffin, Mathieu, Sparks, Connors, Gnodtke, Weeks and Hertel and referred to the Committee on Tourism and Recreation.

A bill to amend sections 310 and 601 of Act No. 86 of the Public Acts of 1980, entitled
"The hunting and fishing license act,"
as amended by Act No. 63 of the Public Acts of 1986, being sections 316.310 and 316.601 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Sections 310 and 601 of Act No. 86 of the Public
2 Acts of 1980, as amended by Act No. 63 of the Public Acts of
3 1986, being sections 316.310 and 316.601 of the Michigan Compiled
4 Laws, are amended to read as follows:

5 Sec. 310. (1) A person shall not hunt bear without a bear
6 hunting license. The fee for a resident bear hunting license
7 shall be ~~\$11.00. Beginning on April 1, 1987, the fee for a~~
8 ~~resident bear hunting license shall be~~ \$14.00. The fee for a
9 nonresident bear hunting license shall be ~~\$100.00. Beginning on~~

~~1 April 1, 1986, the fee for a nonresident bear hunting license~~
~~2 shall be \$150.00.~~

3 (2) A person shall not trap or poison a bear.

4 (3) THIRTY-FIVE PERCENT OF EACH LICENSE FEE COLLECTED FOR
5 EACH RESIDENT AND NONRESIDENT BEAR HUNTING LICENSE SHALL BE USED
6 FOR RESEARCH PERTAINING TO BEARS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ANNUALLY
7 EXPEND FOR RESEARCH PERTAINING TO BEARS AN AMOUNT THAT IS AT
8 LEAST EQUAL TO 35% OF ALL OF THE FEES COLLECTED UNDER THIS
9 SECTION.

10 Sec. 601. (1) Except as provided in sections 604 and 605,
11 the director shall transmit all money received from the sale of
12 passbooks and licenses to the state treasurer, together with a
13 statement indicating the amount of money received and the source
14 of the money. The game and fish protection fund is created as a
15 separate fund in the department of treasury and the state trea-
16 surer shall credit the money received from the sale of passbooks
17 and licenses to the game and fish protection fund.

18 (2) Except as provided in sections 306, 307, {310,} 314,
19 602, and 605, money credited to the game and fish protection fund
20 shall be paid out by the state treasurer pursuant to the account-
21 ing laws of this state for the following purposes:

22 (a) Services rendered by the director and the director's
23 assistants, together with the expenses incurred in the enforce-
24 ment and administration of the game, fish, and fur laws of the
25 state, including the necessary equipment and apparatus incident
26 to the operation and enforcement of the game, fish, and fur laws,
27 and the protection, propagation, distribution, and control of

1 game, fish, birds, fur-bearing animals, and other wildlife
2 forms.

3 (b) The propagation and liberation of game, fur-bearing ani-
4 mals, birds, or fish and for their increase at the time, place,
5 and manner as the director considers advisable.

6 (c) The purchase and lease of lands, together with the nec-
7 essary equipment for the purpose of propagating and rearing game,
8 fur-bearing animals, birds, or fish, and for establishing and
9 maintaining game refuges, wildlife sanctuaries, public shooting,
10 and fishing grounds.

11 (d) Conducting investigations and compiling and publishing
12 information relative to the propagation, protection, and conser-
13 vation of wildlife.

14 (e) Delivering lectures, developing cooperation, and carry-
15 ing on appropriate educational activities relating to the conser-
16 vation of the wildlife of this state.

17 (3) The department and any other executive department of the
18 state that receives money from the game and fish protection fund
19 shall submit an annual report to the legislature showing the
20 amount of money received by the department from the game and fish
21 protection fund and how that money was spent. The executive
22 departments required to submit a report as provided in this sub-
23 section shall send a copy of their report to the legislature and
24 to the department.