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CATCH REPORT FOR CHARTER BOATS

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Sponsor: Rep. Jerry C. Bartnik

**Committee: Tourism, Fisheries, &
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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4215 AS INTRODUCED 2-16-89

The bill would amend the Charter and Livery Boat Safety Act to allow the Department of Natural Resources to conduct research into the availability of fish in state waters that are used by charter boats. Under the bill, the department would be required to establish a catch activity committee to develop a form pertaining to the number, type, and location of fish taken from charter boats. The committee would be composed of two individuals from the department and two representatives from the Michigan Charter Boat Association and would participate in research regarding information contained in the forms. The department would require catch activity forms to be completed and returned before a certificate of inspection would be issued for a charter boat. However, catch activity forms would not require disclosure of the name of the charter boat operator, and the department would be required to ensure the protection of the confidentiality of the identity of charter boat operators. Catch activity forms would be available to all charter boat operators in the state. The bill would require the department to use the returned catch activity forms to compile a report based on the reported catch activity. The report would be made available to the public by the department.

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