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**PENALTIES FOR ILLEGALLY TAKING STURGEON**

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**House Bill 4449**

**Sponsor: Rep. John D. Pridnia**

**Committee: Tourism, Fisheries, &  
Wildlife**

**Complete to 4-5-89**

**A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4449 AS INTRODUCED 3-15-89**

The bill would amend the Michigan Sports Fishing Law to provide that the taking or possession of sturgeon in violation of the act, its rules, or orders issued to implement the act would constitute a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for between 30 and 180 days, a fine of not less than \$500 or more than \$200\*, or both, and the costs of prosecution. (\*Note: The maximum fine is intended to be set at \$2,000, rather than \$200.) In addition to the penalties provided for in the act, the act assesses a \$10 fine per pound or fraction of pound of game fish illegally taken or possessed for fish weighing more than one pound and \$10 per fish for fish that weigh less than one pound. The bill would assess a fine of \$1,500 per sturgeon for each fish illegally taken or possessed.

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