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House Bills 4007 and 4008

Sponsor: Representative John D. Pridnia

House Committee: Tourism, Fisheries, and Wildlife

Senate Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

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SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILLS 4007 and 4008 as passed by the House:

The bills would require licensed game breeders and shooting preserves to pinion (clip or bind) one wing of a wild turkey or wild turkey hybrid, and would regulate the removal of wild game from licensed premises.

House Bill 4007 would amend Public Act 191 of 1929, which requires the Director of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to issue licenses for propagating and selling game, to require that one wing of a wild turkey or wild turkey hybrid be pinioned within 14 days of hatching. The bill also provides that fertile eggs from wild turkeys or wild turkey hybrids could not be removed from licensed premises, and that no game birds could be released without the written permission of the DNR Director.

In addition, the bill would replace the definition of "game birds" with the definition of "game" found in the Wildlife Conservation Act (MCL 300.254). (That definition lists over 30 types of animals including wild turkeys.) The bill specifies that game could be removed from licensed premises only by licensed game breeders, shooting preserve operators, or persons who held permits authorizing the possession of game. Finally, the bill would delete the definition of "rules" and references to the promulgation of rules. Instead, the Natural Resources Commission would "establish regulations".

House Bill 4008 would amend Public Act 134 of 1957, which regulates shooting preserves, to require that shooting preserves that include animals not native to, or commonly found in the wild in Michigan be "adequately fenced and maintained" to keep such animals in captivity. The bill also would require that one wing of a wild turkey or wild turkey hybrid be pinioned and that such turkeys authorized under a license be fenced and released in compliance with DNR regulations.

In addition, the Act requires that birds held under a suspended or revoked license be disposed of only in a manner approved by the DNR Director; the bill would extend that provision to include other animals. The bill also would delete

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a provision that requires the release on the licensed premises of not less than 100 birds for hunting during the shooting preserve season in any single year. Finally, the bill would authorize the DNR Director to "establish and enforce" rules and regulations governing the Act's administration. (Currently, the Director is authorized to "promulgate and enforce" such rules.)

MCL 317.71 et al. (House Bill 4007)  
317.301 et al. (House Bill 4008)

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#### FISCAL IMPACT

According to the DNR, the bills would have no fiscal implications for the State.

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