HOUSE BILL No. 6232

November 8, 1990, Introduced by Reps. Alley, DeMars, Dolan and Kosteva and referred to the Committee on Conservation, Recreation and Environment.

A bill to amend sections 1, 3, and 4 of Act No. 230 of the Public Acts of 1925, entitled as amended

"An act to provide for the better protection and preservation of fish, game and fur-bearing animals and game birds, protected by the laws of this state; to provide a method by which the taking or killing thereof may be regulated and the open season for the taking or killing thereof suspended or abridged in any designated waters or area of this state; to provide for special fisheries research and regulations therefor; to provide a penalty for the violation thereof, and to repeal Act No. 9 of the Public Acts of 1917, as amended by Act No. 156 of the Public Acts of 1921,"

section 3 as amended by Act No. 53 of the Public Acts of 1990, being sections 300.1, 300.3, and 300.4 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Section 1. Sections 1, 3, and 4 of Act No. 230 of the
- 2 Public Acts of 1925, section 3 as amended by Act No. 53 of the
- 3 Public Acts of 1990, being sections 300.1, 300.3, and 300.4 of
- 4 the Michigan Compiled Laws, are amended to read as follows:

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- The commission of conservation AND RECREATION of 1 Sec. 1. 2 the department of -conservation of this state NATURAL RESOURCES 3 shall, in accordance with the provisions of this act, have 4 power to- regulate the taking or killing of all fish, game and 5 fur-bearing animals, and game birds protected by the laws of this 6 state, and may suspend or abridge the open season provided by law 7 for the taking or killing of any such fish, animals, or game 8 birds in any designated waters or area of this state, whenever in 9 the opinion of -said THE commission of conservation AND 10 RECREATION it becomes necessary to assist in the increased or 11 better protection of such fish, game or fur-bearing animals or 12 game birds, or of any particular kinds or species of the same-13 FISH, ANIMALS, OR GAME BIRDS, which may in the opinion of -said-14 THE commission be threatened from any cause or causes with deple-15 tion or extermination in -said ANY DESIGNATED waters or area. 16 -, and for FOR the purpose of such THIS regulation, suspen-17 sion, or abridgement, -said THE commission of conservation -is 18 hereby empowered to make and RECREATION MAY promulgate any and 19 all orders and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions 20 of this act, and as in this act provided. on the recommenda-21 tion of the director of conservation THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL 22 RESOURCES after a thorough investigation has been made by him OR 23 HER.
- Sec. 3. (1) If the commission of -natural resources

 25 CONSERVATION AND RECREATION determines that any fish, game or

 26 fur-bearing animals, or game birds of any kind or species are in

 27 danger of depletion or extermination and require additional

1 protection in any designated waters or area within the state, the 2 commission may make and promulgate an order suspending or abridg-3 ing the open season on fish, game or fur-bearing animals, or game 4 birds, or may regulate their taking or killing in the waters or 5 area as in the judgment of the commission may be necessary or 6 expedient for the further protection of fish, game or fur-bearing 7 animals, or game birds in those waters or areas, and shall in the 8 order clearly specify the manner and condition relative to the 9 taking or killing. The orders shall clearly and distinctly 10 describe and set forth the waters or area affected by each order, 11 and whether the order is applicable to all fish, game or 12 fur-bearing animals, or game birds, or only to certain kinds or 13 species designated in the order and shall also clearly specify 14 and set forth the length of time during which the order shall 15 remain in force and effect, that shall not exceed 5 years. 16 public shall be notified of orders changing the rules pertaining 17 to hunting, fishing, or trapping in the annual hunting, fishing, 18 and trapping guides available by licensed agents of the depart-19 ment of natural resources and field offices of the department or 20 the department of natural resources may publish the orders at 21 least 21 days but not more than 60 days prior to taking effect, 22 and at least once annually while in force, in at least I newspa-23 per in each county, if a newspaper is published in a county, the 24 whole or any portion of which is affected by the order. 25 first newspaper publication shall appear at least once each week 26 for 3 successive weeks. A copy of the order as printed in the 27 newspaper shall be filed with the clerk of each county. Proof by

I affidavit of the newspaper publication or other form of 2 publication allowed in this section shall be filed with the com-3 mission of -natural resources CONSERVATION AND RECREATION, and a 4 copy of the order, so long as it is in force and effect, shall be 5 included and printed in the authorized biennial compilation of 6 the Michigan fish and game laws. The original of all orders on 7 file in the Lansing office of the department of natural resources 8 shall be under the seal of the department of natural resources 9 and shall bear the signatures of the chairperson and secretary of 10 the commission of -natural resources CONSERVATION AND RECREATION 11 and shall be countersigned by the director of the department of 12 natural resources. The commission of natural resources 13 CONSERVATION AND RECREATION shall establish the seasons, size 14 limits, creel limits and methods of taking fish in certain desig-15 nated inland lakes not to exceed 20 in number at any one time and 16 in certain designated streams or portions of streams not to 17 exceed 10 in number at any one time for the purpose of fisheries 18 research. The commission of -natural resources is authorized to-19 CONSERVATION AND RECREATION MAY establish not more than 1 experi-20 mental game management area that shall not exceed 40,000 acres in 21 size, 4 experimental game management areas not to exceed 5,000 22 acres each in size, and 1 experimental game management area that 23 shall include Beaver island in its entirety and the 4 islands 24 that comprise the Little Beaver islands state game area, and 25 shall have authority to establish rules and orders governing the 26 kind of game that may be taken in these designated areas and the

27 time, place, and manner or method of the taking.

- 1 (2) The department OF NATURAL RESOURCES shall publish
- 2 annually in 1 or more newspapers of general circulation in this
- 3 state notice of the availability of the annual sports fishing
- 4 handbook. The published notice shall inform the public of when,
- 5 where, and how the annual sports fishing handbook may be
- 6 obtained.
- 7 (3) The department OF NATURAL RESOURCES shall notify the
- 8 public of an amendment, correction, or addition to the annual
- 9 sports fishing handbook in the same manner as provided for news-
- 10 paper publication in subsection (1).
- 11 Sec. 4. Whenever in any waters or area in which the open
- 12 season, during which any species of fish, game or fur-bearing
- 13 animals, or game birds may be taken or killed, -have- HAS been
- 14 suspended or abridged by any order of the commission of conserva-
- 15 tion AND RECREATION as herein provided IN THIS ACT, and while
- 16 -such THE order is still in force, it -shall appear APPEARS to
- 17 the satisfaction of -said THE commission of conservation AND
- 18 RECREATION that the conditions existing in -said THOSE waters or
- 19 area no longer demand -such additional protection for -such THE
- 20 species, the -said commission shall cause a thorough investiga-
- 21 tion to be made of -such THE waters and area, and the conditions
- 22 therein prevailing; and if OF THE WATERS AND AREA. IF, from
- 23 such investigation, -said THE commission -shall-be IS satisfied
- 24 that by reason of the increase of -said- fish, game or
- 25 fur-bearing animals, or game birds, protected by -said THE order
- 26 in -said- THE waters or area, or the removal of the cause
- 27 threatening -said THE species with depletion or extermination,

- 1 the additional protection afforded by -said THE order is no
- 2 longer needed, -said THE commission may, in -their ITS discre-
- 3 tion, rescind or modify -said THE original order. -, and
- 4 notices A NOTICE of the rescinding or modifying of the order
- 5 shall be published in the same manner as notice of the original
- 6 order and SHALL BE filed in like manner in the office of the
- 7 clerk of each county. : Provided, That HOWEVER, this act
- 8 shall not be construed to suspend, abridge or regulate the open
- 9 seasons established by law for the taking of fish for commercial
- 10 purposes from the waters of lakes Superior, Michigan, Huron, Erie
- 11 and the bays thereof OF THESE WATERS.
- 12 Section 2. This amendatory act shall not take effect unless
- 13 all of the following bills of the 85th Legislature are enacted
- 14 into law:
- 15 (a) House Bill No. 5725.
- 16 (b) House Bill No. 5726.