

# HOUSE BILL No. 4178

February 7, 1991, Introduced by Rep. Alley and referred to the Committee on Conservation, Recreation and Environment.

A bill to amend section 1 of Act No. 308 of the Public Acts of 1929, entitled

"An act to license and regulate the business of buying and selling certain furs, hides and pelts; to provide a penalty for the violation of the provisions of this act, and to repeal Act No. 185 of the Public Acts of 1927,"

being section 317.1 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Section 1. Section 1 of Act No. 308 of the Public Acts of  
2 1929, being section 317.1 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is  
3 amended to read as follows:

4       Sec. 1. (1) ~~No~~ A person, firm, or corporation either for  
5 his OR HER or its own account or as agent of another, shall NOT  
6 engage in the business of buying, selling, dealing, or the tan-  
7 ning and dressing of raw furs, hides, or pelts of beaver, otter,  
8 fisher, marten, muskrat, mink, skunk, raccoon, opossum, wolf,

1 lynx, bobcat, fox, weasel, coyote, badger, deer, or bear and the  
2 plumage, skins, or hides of protected game birds and game animals  
3 until ~~each such~~ THE person, firm, or corporation ~~shall have~~  
4 ~~procured~~ PROCURES a license to do so from the director of  
5 ~~conservation~~ THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. Fees payable  
6 to the director of ~~conservation~~ THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL  
7 RESOURCES for ~~such~~ THE license shall be as follows:

8       (a) For any person who engages in the business of buying and  
9 selling raw furs, hides, and pelts of fur-bearing animals and the  
10 plumage, skins, or hides of protected game birds and game animals  
11 the fee shall be \$10.00.

12       (b) Each person, firm, or corporation engaged in the busi-  
13 ness of manufacturing furs, who buys raw pelts shall be consid-  
14 ered a dealer and the fee for each such resident citizen, or  
15 agent who buys furs, shall be \$10.00, and for each nonresident  
16 the fee shall be \$50.00.

17       (c) The fee for any person, firm, or corporation who engages  
18 in the business of custom tanning or dressing of raw furs shall  
19 ~~pay a fee of~~ BE \$5.00, but such a license shall not authorize  
20 ~~them~~ THE PERSON, FIRM, OR CORPORATION to buy or sell raw furs.

21       (2) ~~Any~~ A person holding a fur dealer's license under this  
22 act, shall be entitled to buy furs, hides, pelts and the plumage,  
23 skins, or hides, or parts thereof, of protected game birds and  
24 game animals legally taken.

25       (3) ~~No~~ A person holding a fur dealer's license under this  
26 act shall NOT be eligible to secure or hold a license to trap  
27 beaver.

1       (4) The ~~conservation~~ commission OF CONSERVATION AND  
2 RECREATION may designate the plumage and skin of those game birds  
3 and game animals which may not be bought or sold ~~whenever~~ IF it  
4 is determined ~~such~~ THAT THIS prohibition will best serve the  
5 public interest. The plumage and skins, or parts thereof, of  
6 migratory game and nongame birds may be bought and sold only in  
7 accordance with federal law or rule.

8       (5) For the purpose of this act, "plumage" means any part of  
9 the feathers, head, wings, or tail of any bird.

10       Section 2. This amendatory act shall not take effect unless  
11 all of the following bills of the 86th Legislature are enacted  
12 into law:

13       (a) Senate Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_ or House Bill No. 4177 (request  
14 no. 00827'91).

15       (b) Senate Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_ or House Bill No. 4173 (request  
16 no. 00827'91a).