



HOUSE BILL No. 4531

March 23, 1993, Introduced by Reps. McNutt, Randall, McBryde, Horton, Brackenridge, Shugars, Gernaat, Bodem, McManus, Bender, Dalman, Pitoniak and Rhead and referred to the Committee on Conservation, Environment and Great Lakes.

A bill to amend sections 108, 305, and 314 of Act No. 86 of the Public Acts of 1980, entitled "The hunting and fishing license act," section 305 as amended by Act No. 76 of the Public Acts of 1989 and section 314 as amended by Act No. 63 of the Public Acts of 1986, being sections 316.108, 316.305, and 316.314 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Sections 108, 305, and 314 of Act No. 86 of the
2 Public Acts of 1980, section 305 as amended by Act No. 76 of the
3 Public Acts of 1989 and section 314 as amended by Act No. 63 of
4 the Public Acts of 1986, being sections 316.108, 316.305, and
5 316.314 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, are amended to read as
6 follows:

1 Sec. 108. (1) "Senior citizen" means a resident 65 years of
2 age or older.

3 (2) "Slingshot" means a Y-shaped device with an elastic
4 strip attached between the prongs used for projecting a stone or
5 other object.

6 (3) "Small game" includes all species of protected game
7 birds, FUR-BEARING ANIMALS, and game animals except bear, deer,
8 elk, and moose.

9 (4) "Small game season" means that period between September
10 15 and March 31.

11 Sec. 305. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this act, a
12 person shall not hunt small game, OR TAKE FUR-BEARING ANIMALS BY
13 ANY MEANS OTHER THAN TRAPPING, without a current small game
14 license. Each small game license ~~shall authorize~~ AUTHORIZES
15 the person named in the license to hunt for small game, AND TO
16 TAKE FUR-BEARING ANIMALS BY ANY MEANS OTHER THAN TRAPPING, except
17 for animals or birds ~~which~~ THAT require a special license. The
18 fee for a resident small game license ~~shall be \$9.50~~ IS
19 \$10.00. The fee for a nonresident small game license ~~shall be~~
20 IS \$50.00. The resident small game license fee for a minor child
21 ~~shall be~~ IS 1/2 the amount prescribed in this subsection.

22 (2) A nonresident may purchase a limited small game license
23 entitling that person to hunt for a 3-day period all species of
24 small game that are available to hunt under the small game
25 license. The fee for the limited nonresident small game license
26 ~~shall be~~ IS \$20.00.

1 (3) A PERSON WHO HOLDS A FUR HARVESTER'S LICENSE MAY TRAP
2 FUR-BEARING ANIMALS WITHOUT A SMALL GAME LICENSE.

3 (4) ~~(3)~~ A small game license ~~shall be~~ IS void between
4 the hours of sunset and sunrise.

5 (5) ~~(4)~~ A nonresident hunter who legally possesses a non-
6 resident hunting license may take from this state as open hand
7 baggage the number of birds and animals ~~which~~ THAT are permit-
8 ted to be taken and in the person's possession at any 1 time.

9 (6) ~~(5)~~ Wild turkey may be taken during the open season
10 for wild turkey with a valid wild turkey hunting license issued
11 under section 306. A small game license issued under this sec-
12 tion is not required to take wild turkey.

13 Sec. 314. (1) A person shall not trap ~~or hunt~~ fur-bearing
14 animals without purchasing and possessing a fur harvester's
15 license. ~~However, a fur harvester's license is not required to~~
16 ~~hunt a fur bearing animal if the hunting of that animal is not~~
17 ~~restricted under this or any other act.~~ The fee for a resident
18 fur harvester's license ~~shall be~~ IS \$15.00. The fee for a fur
19 harvester's license for a resident minor child ~~shall be~~ IS
20 \$7.50.

21 (2) ~~A~~ THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE A NONRESIDENT FUR
22 HARVESTER'S LICENSE TO A nonresident of this state ~~may be issued~~
23 ~~a nonresident fur harvester's license~~ if the state, province, or
24 country in which the nonresident applicant resides allows resi-
25 dents of this state to obtain equivalent ~~hunting and~~ trapping
26 privileges in that state, province, or country. The fee for an
27 eligible nonresident fur harvester's license ~~shall be~~ IS

1 \$150.00. Nonresident fur harvester's licenses shall not be sold
2 or purchased prior to November 15 of each year.

3 (3) A person who holds a fur harvester's license may ~~hunt~~
4 ~~fur bearing animals during the season open to taking fur bearing~~
5 ~~animals with firearms and may~~ trap fur-bearing animals during
6 the season open to trapping fur-bearing animals.

7 (4) Ten percent of the license fee for each resident and
8 nonresident fur harvester's license shall be used for fur
9 harvesters' education and 8% shall be used for research pertain-
10 ing to fur-bearing animals.

11 (5) Subsection (4) ~~shall~~ DOES not apply ~~5 years~~ after
12 ~~the effective date of the 1985 amendatory act that adds this~~
13 ~~subsection~~ MARCH 27, 1991. At that time, the fees for fur
14 harvester's licenses shall be credited to the game and fish pro-
15 tection fund as provided in section 601. However, programs ini-
16 tiated with funds provided under subsection (4) shall continue to
17 receive adequate funding from the game and fish protection fund.

18 (6) Subsection (2) ~~shall~~ DOES not apply ~~3 years~~ after
19 ~~the effective date of the 1985 amendatory act that adds this~~
20 ~~subsection~~ MARCH 27, 1989. At that time, a nonresident shall
21 not be issued a nonresident fur harvester's license enabling that
22 person to trap fur-bearing animals. ~~but may be issued a nonres-~~
23 ~~ident fur harvester's license enabling that person to hunt~~
24 ~~fur bearing animals.~~

25 (7) Notwithstanding section 805, a resident who holds a fur
26 harvester's license may carry a .22 caliber rimfire firearm while

- 1 ~~hunting or~~ checking a trap line during the open season for
- 2 ~~hunting or~~ trapping fur-bearing animals.