



**House
Legislative
Analysis
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FISHING LICENSE PERIOD

AS ENROLLED

**House Bill 5804 as introduced
First Analysis (5-15-96)**

**Sponsor: Rep. Beverly Bodem
Committee: Conservation, Environment,
and Great Lakes**

THE APPARENT PROBLEM:

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act allows for the purchase of a daily fishing license, which is issued by date and thus expires at midnight of the day for which it is purchased. Some have suggested that daily fishing licenses could instead be issued for a 24-hour period, so that a person could fish from, say, 7:00 p.m. on Friday to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, without having to purchase two daily permits.

THE CONTENT OF THE BILL:

The bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to allow the purchase of a limited (daily) fishing license for \$5.00 per "designated 24-hour period", rather than per "day".

MCL 324.43533

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

According to the House Fiscal Agency, the bill would have no significant fiscal impact on the Game and Fish Protection Fund, the Department of Natural Resources, or on local governments. (5-10-96)

ARGUMENTS:

For:

The bill would provide a convenience and an economic benefit to the occasional sportsfisher, who may wish to go fishing on a weekend or two. This could enhance tourism at a minimal cost. It would not affect the many people who purchase season-long licenses.

POSITIONS:

The Department of Natural Resources supports the bill. (5-15-96)

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