



SENATE BILL No. 1150

September 17, 1996, Introduced by Senators GAST, BENNETT, DE BEAUSSAERT, DINGELL, DUNASKISS, HOFFMAN and MC MANUS and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs.

A bill to amend section 40113a of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," as added by Act No. 377 of the Public Acts of 1996, being section 324.40113a of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 40113a of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts
2 of 1994, as added by Act No. 377 of the Public Acts of 1996,
3 being section 324.40113a of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Sec. 40113a. (1) The legislature finds and declares that:

6 (a) The wildlife populations of the state and their habitat
7 are of paramount importance to the citizens of this state.

1 (b) The sound scientific management of the wildlife
2 populations of the state, including hunting of bear, is declared
3 to be in the public interest.

4 (c) The sound scientific management of bear populations in
5 this state is necessary to minimize human/bear encounters and to
6 prevent bears from threatening or harming humans, livestock, and
7 pets.

8 (2) The commission of natural resources shall have the
9 exclusive authority to regulate the taking of game as defined in
10 section 40103 in this state. The commission of natural resources
11 shall, to the greatest extent practicable, utilize principles of
12 sound scientific management in making decisions regarding the
13 taking of game. Issuance of orders by the commission of natural
14 resources regarding the taking of game shall be made following a
15 public meeting and an opportunity for public input. BEFORE ISSU-
16 ING AN ORDER, THE COMMISSION OF NATURAL RESOURCES SHALL PROVIDE A
17 COPY OF THE ORDER TO THE CHAIRPERSON OF EACH STANDING COMMITTEE
18 OF THE SENATE OR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT CONSIDERS LEGISLA-
19 TION PERTAINING TO CONSERVATION, THE ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION,
20 TOURISM, OR NATURAL RESOURCES. THE STANDING COMMITTEES SHALL
21 HAVE 60 DAYS TO REVIEW THE ORDER AND SUBMIT COMMENTS TO THE COM-
22 MISSION OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

23 Section 2. This amendatory act shall take effect 10 days
24 after the date of the official declaration of the vote of the
25 qualified electors of the state pursuant to Act No. 377 of the
26 Public Acts of 1996 at the general election to be held November
27 5, 1996.

1 Section 3. This amendatory act shall not take effect unless
2 Act No. 377 of the Public Acts of 1996 is approved by a majority
3 of the electors voting on the question at the general election to
4 be held November 5, 1996.