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## REQUIRE DEER TAKEN BY HUNTING TO BE EXAMINED FOR TB

**House Bill 5506**

**Sponsor: Rep. Dale Sheltrown**

**Committee: Agriculture and Resource  
Management**

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### **A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5506 AS INTRODUCED 4-14-00**

The bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to require that a deer taken by hunting have a “tuberculosis registration” tag within 24 hours after the close of the season in which the deer was taken and before the deer was processed or any part of the carcass was removed. The bill also would prohibit removal of such a tag from a deer until it was lawful to remove a kill tag.

More specifically, the bill would require that anyone who took a deer in Michigan present the deer at a registration station or to a Department of Natural Resources (DNR) agent and obtain a tuberculosis registration tag and attach the tag to the deer within 24 hours after the close of the season in which the deer was taken and before the deer was processed or any part was removed from the deer carcass. However, the bill would allow a person to remove the skin and viscera other than the contents of the thoracic cavity, or to quarter the deer, if the quarters were kept together and the head remained attached to one quarter.

The bill would require that before a tuberculosis tag was issued under the bill, an agent or employee of the DNR would have to examine the deer for bovine tuberculosis. He or she would have to promptly record the results of the examination on a form prescribed by the department, and record the deer license number and the date on which the TB examination tag had been issued on the tag in indelible ink.

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