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House Bill 4937 (as reported with amendment)
Sponsor: Representative Sue Tabor
House Committee: Conservation and Outdoor Recreation
Senate Committee: Hunting, Fishing and Forestry

CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 435 (Hunting and Fishing Licensing) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to allow all individuals under 17 years of age to obtain an all-species fishing license for \$2, and to take aquatic species without a license. In addition, the bill would delete a provision that requires the Department of Natural Resources to provide a Michigan fishing patch to the licensee if a license is purchased.

Currently, the Act specifies that a person who is at least 12 but less than 17 years of age may obtain an all-species fishing license for \$2, and may take aquatic species without a license. The all-species fishing license entitles the licensee to take all species of aquatic species (any fish, reptile, amphibian, mollusk, aquatic insect, or crustacea or part thereof) as prescribed by law.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would result in a nominal increase in State revenues. The increase in revenue from the sale of youth all-species fishing licenses would be offset somewhat by the costs of processing the license.

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