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House Bill 4937 (as passed by the House)  
Sponsor: Representative Sue Tabor  
House Committee: Conservation and Outdoor Recreation  
Senate Committee: Hunting, Fishing and Forestry

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### **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.

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. If a license is purchased, the Department of Natural Resources must provide a Michigan fishing patch to the licensee. 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 have no fiscal impact on State revenues. Any increase in revenue from the sale of youth all-species fishing licenses would be offset by the costs of processing and issuing the patch and license.

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