

**HUNTING/FISHING LICENSE:  
ALLOW ANTI-HUNGER DONATION**

**House Bill 5312**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Sal Rocca**  
**Committee: Conservation and Outdoor  
Recreation**

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**A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5312 AS INTRODUCED 11-13-03**

The bill would amend Part 435 (Hunting and Fishing Licensing) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA) to allow individuals to donate \$1, in addition to the regular license fee, to the Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger at the time they apply for a hunting or fishing license. The donation request would be available for license applications made through the Internet or other authorized means starting March 1, 2004, and starting November 1, 2004 for license applications made in person.

All donations would be deposited into the newly-created Sportsmen Against Hunger Fund. Like other funds, the state treasurer could receive money and other assets for deposit into the fund, direct investment of the fund, and credit to the fund any interest and earnings. Also, any money remaining in the fund at the close of the fiscal year would remain in the fund and not lapse to the General Fund.

Money from the fund would be paid on a monthly basis to the Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger or its successor organization, provided that the organization continues to be a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization, for the purpose of providing wild game and other food to needy persons. Should the organization no longer operate as a nonprofit, tax-exempt entity, the Natural Resources Commission would select a different organization to receive money for the purposes of the bill.

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