

# HOUSE BILL No. 5331

October 18, 2007, Introduced by Reps. Walker, Moolenaar, Nitz, Meekhof, Palmer, Hansen, Elsenheimer, Hildenbrand, Casperson, McDowell, Emmons, Meadows, Mayes, Booher, Moore, Caswell, Pastor and Miller and referred to the Committee on Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 43523, 43528, and 43531 (MCL 324.43523, 324.43528, and 324.43531), section 43523 as amended by 2006 PA 280 and sections 43528 and 43531 as amended by 1996 PA 585.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 43523. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this part, a  
2 person shall not hunt small game ~~without~~ **UNLESS THE PERSON**  
3 **POSSESSES** a ~~current~~ small game license. ~~Each~~ **A** small game license  
4 authorizes the person named in the license to hunt for small game  
5 except for animals or birds that require a special license.

6           (2) If authorized in an order issued under part 401, a  
7 resident possessing a ~~current~~ small game license may take specified

1 fur-bearing animals by means other than trapping during the open  
2 season for hunting these fur-bearing animals. **HOWEVER, SUCH AN**  
3 **ORDER SHALL NOT REQUIRE A PERSON WHO PARTICIPATES IN A BOBCAT HUNT**  
4 **TO POSSESS A LICENSE IF THE PERSON DOES NOT CARRY A FIREARM OR USE**  
5 **A FIREARM TO TAKE BOBCAT.**

6 (3) The fee for a small game license is as follows:

7 (a) Subject to subdivision (b), for a resident, \$15.00.

8 (b) For a resident or nonresident minor child, \$1.00.

9 (c) Subject to subdivision (b), for a nonresident, \$69.00.

10 However, a nonresident may purchase a limited nonresident small  
11 game license entitling that person to hunt for a 3-day period all  
12 species of small game that are available to hunt under a  
13 nonresident small game license. The fee for a limited nonresident  
14 small game license is \$30.00.

15 (4) ~~(2)~~—A small game license is void between the hours of 1/2  
16 hour after sunset and 1/2 hour before sunrise.

17 Sec. 43528. (1) A person shall not hunt bear ~~without~~ **UNLESS**  
18 **THE PERSON POSSESSES** a bear hunting license. **HOWEVER, A PERSON WHO**  
19 **PARTICIPATES IN A BEAR HUNT IS NOT REQUIRED TO POSSESS A LICENSE IF**  
20 **THE PERSON DOES NOT CARRY A FIREARM OR USE A FIREARM TO TAKE BEAR.**

21 (2) The fee for a resident bear hunting license is \$13.00.  
22 Beginning in 1999, the fee for a resident bear hunting license is  
23 ~~\$14.00. Beginning in 2001, the fee for a resident bear hunting~~  
24 ~~license is~~ \$15.00. The fee for a nonresident bear hunting license  
25 is \$150.00.

26 (3) ~~(2)~~—The department may issue a tag with, or as a part of,  
27 a bear hunting license. Section 43526(2) applies with respect to a

1 bear hunting license.

2 (4) ~~(3)~~—In addition to the license fees in subsection (1), the  
3 department shall charge a nonrefundable application fee not to  
4 exceed \$4.00 for each person who applies for a bear hunting  
5 license.

6 Sec. 43531. (1) Except as otherwise provided in section  
7 ~~43523(1)~~ **43523(2)**, a person shall not trap or hunt fur-bearing  
8 animals ~~without purchasing and possessing~~ **UNLESS THE PERSON**  
9 **POSSESSES** a fur harvester's license. **HOWEVER, A PERSON WHO**  
10 **PARTICIPATES IN A BOBCAT HUNT IS NOT REQUIRED TO POSSESS A LICENSE**  
11 **IF THE PERSON DOES NOT CARRY A FIREARM OR USE A FIREARM TO TAKE**  
12 **BOBCAT.**

13 (2) The fee for a resident fur harvester's license is ~~\$13.00-~~  
14 ~~Beginning in 1999, the fee for a resident fur harvester's license~~  
15 ~~is \$14.00. Beginning in 2001, the fee for a resident fur~~  
16 ~~harvester's license is \$15.00.~~ The fee for a resident or  
17 nonresident who is 12 years of age through 16 years of age for a  
18 fur harvester's license shall be discounted 50% from the cost of  
19 the resident fur harvester's license.

20 (3) ~~(2)~~—The department may issue a nonresident fur harvester's  
21 license to a nonresident of this state if the state, province, or  
22 country in which the nonresident applicant resides allows residents  
23 of this state to obtain equivalent hunting and trapping privileges  
24 in that state, province, or country. The fee for an eligible  
25 nonresident fur harvester's license is \$150.00. Nonresident fur  
26 harvester's licenses shall not be sold or purchased ~~prior to~~ **BEFORE**  
27 November 15 of each year.

1           (4) ~~(3)~~—A person who holds a fur harvester's license may hunt  
2 fur-bearing animals during the season open to taking fur-bearing  
3 animals with firearms and may trap fur-bearing animals during the  
4 season open to trapping fur-bearing animals.