

HOUSE BILL No. 6021

April 24, 2008, Introduced by Rep. McDowell and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

A bill to authorize the removal, capture, or lethal control of a gray wolf that is killing, wounding, or biting a dog under certain circumstances; and to promulgate rules.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. As used in this act:

2 (a) "Conservation officer" means that term as defined in
3 section 1b of the state employees' retirement act, 1943 PA 240, MCL
4 38.1b.

5 (b) "Department" means the department of natural resources.

6 (c) "Dog" includes, but is not limited to, a domesticated dog
7 and a dog used for hunting.

8 Sec. 3. (1) The owner of a dog or his or her designated agent
9 may remove, capture, or, if deemed necessary, use lethal means to

1 destroy a gray wolf that is in the act of killing, wounding, or
2 biting the owner's dog.

3 (2) The owner of the dog or his or her designated agent shall
4 report the taking of a gray wolf to a conservation officer as soon
5 as practicable, but not later than 24 hours after the taking. A
6 person who violates this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor
7 punishable by a fine of not less than \$50.00 or more than \$500.00.

8 (3) The owner of the dog or his or her designated agent shall
9 retain possession of a gray wolf taken until a conservation officer
10 is available to take possession of and transfer the gray wolf to
11 the appropriate department personnel for examination. A person who
12 violates this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a
13 fine of not less than \$50.00 or more than \$500.00.

14 (4) The owner of the dog or his or her designated agent may
15 report the taking of a gray wolf by utilizing the department's
16 report all poaching hotline at 1-800-292-7800.

17 Sec. 5. The department may promulgate rules to implement this
18 act pursuant to the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA
19 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328.