

SENATE BILL No. 1077

February 5, 2008, Introduced by Senators PRUSI, GLEASON, JELINEK, PATTERSON, BARCIA, SWITALSKI and KUIPERS and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs.

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
10 destroy a gray wolf that is in the act of killing, wounding, or

1 biting the owner's dog.

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

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

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

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