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Introduced by Senators Basham and Birkholz

# **ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 1615**

AN ACT to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "An act to protect the environment and natural resources of the state; to codify, revise, consolidate, and classify laws relating to the environment and natural resources of the state; to regulate the discharge of certain substances into the environment; to regulate the use of certain lands, waters, and other natural resources of the state; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for certain charges, fees, assessments, and donations; to provide certain appropriations; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending sections 42702 and 42713 (MCL 324.42702 and 324.42713), section 42702 as amended by 2004 PA 537 and section 42713 as added by 1995 PA 57.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

Sec. 42702. (1) The department may, pursuant to part 13, issue licenses to authorize the possession of game for propagation and the dealing in and selling of game.

(2) The department shall deny an application for a new license under subsection (1) if the applicant is not the owner or lessee of the premises to be used for the purposes designated in the license application.

(3) Beginning on the effective date of the amendatory act that added this subsection, unless the premises to be used for the purposes designated in the license application are zoned agricultural, the department shall notify in writing the city or the township and, if applicable, village where the premises are located that an application has been filed under this section. The notice shall include a copy of the application. If, within 30 days after the notice is sent, the local unit of government notifies the department that the use designated in the license application would violate a local ordinance that prohibits the captivity of game animals and that does not violate the Michigan right to farm act, 1981 PA 93, MCL 286.471 to 286.474, the department shall deny the license application.

(4) A license issued under subsection (1) is nontransferable and is valid from July 1 to June 30 of the third license year.

Sec. 42713. (1) After providing an opportunity for a hearing under the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328, the department may suspend or revoke a license under this part if any of the following apply:

(a) The licensee violates this part.

(b) The licensee fails to provide accurate reports and records within reasonable time limits as designated by the department.

(c) The premises used for the purposes identified in the license are located in a city or village and are zoned residential, the licensed use is a nonconforming use in that zone, and the licensee has been convicted of a crime or held responsible for a civil infraction directly related to the captivity of pheasants on the premises.

(2) If a licensee under this part is convicted of a violation of the game laws of this state, his or her license may be revoked or its renewal denied. In that case, the game held under the license may be disposed of only in a manner approved by the department.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

*Carol Morey Viventi*

Secretary of the Senate

*Richard J. Brown*

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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Governor