

SENATE BILL No. 1589

November 30, 2010, Introduced by Senators RICHARDVILLE and BARCIA and referred to the Committee on Hunting, Fishing and Outdoor Recreation.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"
by amending sections 43517, 43520, 43525a, 43526, 43527, and 43531
(MCL 324.43517, 324.43520, 324.43525a, 324.43526, 324.43527, and
324.43531), sections 43517 and 43520 as amended by 2006 PA 282,
sections 43525a and 43527 as amended by 2006 PA 280, section 43526
as amended by 1996 PA 585, and section 43531 as amended by 2009 PA
70.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 43517. (1) A parent or legal guardian of a minor child
2 shall not permit or allow the minor child to hunt game under the
3 authority of a license issued pursuant to this part ~~except under 1~~
4 ~~of the following conditions:~~

~~1 (a) The~~ **UNLESS THE** ~~minor child hunts only on land upon which a~~
~~2 parent or guardian is regularly domiciled or a parent or guardian,~~
~~3 or another person at least 18 years old authorized by a parent or~~
~~4 guardian, accompanies the minor child. This subdivision does not~~
~~5 apply under either of the following circumstances:~~ **WITH A MENTOR IN**
6 COMPLIANCE WITH THE MENTORED YOUTH HUNTING PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY
7 THE COMMISSION UNDER SUBSECTION (2).

~~8 (i) The license is an apprentice license.~~

~~9 (ii) The minor child is less than 14 years old and the license~~
~~10 is a license to hunt deer, bear, or elk with a firearm.~~

~~11 (b) If the license is an apprentice license, a parent or~~
~~12 guardian, or another person at least 21 years old authorized by a~~
~~13 parent or guardian, who is licensed to hunt that game under a~~
~~14 license other than an apprentice license accompanies the minor~~
~~15 child. In addition, if the minor child is less than 14 years old~~
~~16 and the apprentice license is a license to hunt deer, bear, or elk~~
~~17 with a firearm, the minor child shall hunt only on private~~
~~18 property.~~

~~19 (c) If the minor child is less than 14 years old and the~~
~~20 license is a license to hunt deer, bear, or elk with a firearm, the~~
~~21 minor child hunts only on private property and a parent or~~
~~22 guardian, or another person authorized by a parent or guardian who~~
~~23 is at least 18 years old, accompanies the minor child. This~~
~~24 subdivision does not apply if the license is an apprentice license.~~

25 (2) WITHIN 1 YEAR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY
26 ACT THAT ADDED THIS SUBSECTION, THE COMMISSION SHALL ISSUE AN ORDER
27 UNDER SECTION 40113A ESTABLISHING A MENTORED YOUTH HUNTING PROGRAM.

1 THE ORDER SHALL PROVIDE FOR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

2 (A) A MENTOR SHALL BE AT LEAST 21 YEARS OF AGE BEFORE
3 PARTICIPATING IN THE MENTORED YOUTH HUNTING PROGRAM.

4 (B) A MENTOR SHALL POSSESS A VALID LICENSE TO HUNT PRIOR TO
5 ENGAGING IN ANY MENTORED YOUTH HUNTING PROGRAM.

6 (C) A PERSON SHALL NOT BE A MENTOR UNLESS HE OR SHE PRESENTS
7 PROOF OF PREVIOUS HUNTING EXPERIENCE IN THE FORM OF A PREVIOUS
8 HUNTING LICENSE OF CERTIFICATION OF COMPLETION OF TRAINING IN
9 HUNTER SAFETY ISSUED TO THE PERSON BY THIS STATE, ANOTHER STATE, A
10 PROVINCE OF CANADA, OR ANOTHER COUNTRY.

11 Sec. 43520. (1) Subject to other requirements of this part,
12 the department may issue a hunting license to a minor child if all
13 of the following requirements are met:

14 (a) A parent or legal guardian of the minor child applies for
15 the license on behalf of the minor child.

16 (b) The parent or guardian represents that the requirements of
17 section ~~43517(a), (b), or (c)~~ 43517, as applicable, will be
18 complied with.

19 ~~— (c) The minor child is at least 10 years old or, if the~~
20 ~~license is a license to hunt deer, bear, or elk with a firearm, at~~
21 ~~least 12 years old.~~

22 (C) ~~(d)~~ The license fee is paid.

23 (2) A person authorized to sell hunting licenses shall not
24 issue a hunting license to a person born after January 1, 1960,
25 unless the person presents proof of previous hunting experience in
26 the form of a hunting license issued by this state, another state,
27 a province of Canada, or another country or presents a

1 certification of completion of training in hunter safety issued to
2 the person by this state, another state, a province of Canada, or
3 another country. If an applicant for a hunting license does not
4 have proof of such a previous license or a certification of
5 completion of training in hunter safety, a person authorized to
6 sell hunting licenses may issue a hunting license if the applicant
7 submits a signed affidavit stating that the applicant has completed
8 a course in hunter safety or that the applicant possessed such a
9 hunting license previously. The person selling a hunting license
10 shall record as specified by the department the form of proof of
11 the previous hunting experience or certification of completion of
12 hunter safety training presented by the applicant. This subsection
13 does not apply to the issuance of an apprentice license. An
14 apprentice license or the equivalent does not satisfy the
15 requirements of this subsection concerning proof of previous
16 hunting experience.

17 (3) A person **17 YEARS OLD OR OLDER** who does not meet the
18 requirements of subsection (2) may obtain an apprentice license for
19 the same price as the corresponding regular license that the person
20 would otherwise be qualified to obtain. A person 17 years old or
21 older shall not hunt game under an apprentice license unless
22 another person at least 21 years old who possesses a license, other
23 than an apprentice license, to hunt that game accompanies that
24 apprentice licensee and does not accompany more than 1 other
25 apprentice licensee. For the purposes of this subsection, ~~and~~
26 ~~section 43517(b),~~ a person shall not go along with more than 2
27 apprentice licensees ~~of any age~~ for the purpose of accompanying

1 those apprentice licensees while those apprentice licensees are
2 hunting. If a person has represented to an apprentice licensee ~~or,~~
3 ~~if the apprentice licensee is a minor child, to the apprentice~~
4 ~~licensee's parent or legal guardian that the person would accompany~~
5 the apprentice licensee for the purposes of this subsection, the
6 person shall not go along with the apprentice licensee while the
7 apprentice licensee is hunting unless the person actually
8 accompanies the apprentice licensee and possesses a license, other
9 than an apprentice license, to hunt the same game as the apprentice
10 licensee. A person is not eligible to obtain a specific type of
11 apprentice license, such as a firearm deer license, an archery deer
12 license, a combination deer license, a small game license, or a
13 turkey license, for more than 2 license years. An apprentice
14 license shall be distinguished from a license other than an
15 apprentice license by a notation or other means.

16 ~~—— (4) By October 1, 2008, the department shall submit to the~~
17 ~~standing committees of the senate and house of representatives with~~
18 ~~primary responsibility for conservation and outdoor recreation~~
19 ~~issues a report on the effect of the apprentice hunter program and~~
20 ~~the reductions in minimum hunting age enacted by the 2006~~
21 ~~amendatory act that amended this section on recruitment of new~~
22 ~~hunters and other relevant issues, such as hunter safety.~~

23 Sec. 43525a. (1) The department shall issue a combination deer
24 license that authorizes a person to hunt deer both during the
25 firearm deer seasons and the bow and arrow seasons, in compliance
26 with the rules established for the respective deer hunting season.
27 A combination deer license shall authorize the holder to take 2

1 deer in compliance with orders issued under part 401.

2 (2) The fee for a resident combination deer license is the
3 total of the resident firearm deer license fee plus the resident
4 bow and arrow deer license fee. The fee for a nonresident
5 combination deer license is the total of the nonresident firearm
6 deer license fee plus the nonresident bow and arrow deer license
7 fee. ~~However, the~~ **THE** fee for a combination deer license for a
8 resident or nonresident minor child shall be discounted 50% from
9 the cost of the resident combination deer license. **THE FEE FOR A**
10 **COMBINATION DEER LICENSE FOR A RESIDENT OR NONRESIDENT WHO IS LESS**
11 **THAN 10 YEARS OLD IS \$4.00.**

12 (3) If advisable in managing deer, an order under part 401 may
13 designate the kind of deer that may be taken and the geographic
14 area in which any license issued under this section is valid.

15 (4) The department may issue kill tags with or as part of each
16 combination deer license. Each kill tag shall bear the license
17 number. A kill tag may also include space for other pertinent
18 information required by the department. A kill tag, if issued, is
19 part of the license and shall not be used more than 1 time.

20 (5) The combination deer license shall count as 2 licenses for
21 the purposes of license fees under section 43536a, ~~discounting~~
22 ~~under subsection 43521(c),~~ and transmittal, deposit, and use of
23 fees under sections 43554 and 43555.

24 (6) A senior citizen may obtain a senior combination deer
25 license. The fee for a senior combination deer license shall be
26 discounted at the same rate as provided in section 43535.

27 ~~———— (7) A combination deer license issued to a person less than 12~~

~~years of age is valid only for taking deer with a bow and arrow,
until the person is 12 years of age or older.~~

(7) ~~(8)~~ Notwithstanding any other provision of this part,
except for replacing lost or destroyed licenses, a person shall not
apply for, obtain, or purchase any combination of firearm deer
licenses, bow and arrow deer licenses, and combination deer
licenses that would authorize the taking of more than 2 deer.

Sec. 43526. (1) A person shall not hunt deer during the
firearm deer season without purchasing a firearm deer license. The
fee for a resident firearm deer license is ~~\$13.00. Beginning in~~
~~1999, the fee for a resident firearm deer license is \$14.00.~~
~~Beginning in 2001, the fee for a resident firearm deer license is~~
~~\$15.00. The fee for a nonresident firearm deer license is \$120.00.~~
~~Beginning in 1999, the fee for a nonresident firearm deer license~~
~~is \$129.00. Beginning in 2001, the fee for a nonresident firearm~~
~~deer license is \$138.00. THE FEE FOR A FIREARM DEER LICENSE FOR A~~
~~RESIDENT OR NONRESIDENT WHO IS LESS THAN 10 YEARS OLD IS \$2.00.~~

Where authorized by the department, a resident or nonresident may
purchase a second firearm deer license in 1 season for the fee
assessed under this subsection for the firearm deer license for
which that person is eligible. However, a senior license discount
is not available for the purchase of a second firearm deer license.
The department may issue orders under part 401 designating the kind
of deer that may be taken and the geographic area in which any
license issued under this section is valid, when advisable in
managing deer.

(2) The department may issue a kill tag with or as part of

1 each deer license. The kill tag shall bear the license number. The
2 kill tag may also include space for other pertinent information
3 required by the department. The kill tag, if issued, is part of the
4 license.

5 (3) The department shall charge a nonrefundable application
6 fee not to exceed \$4.00 for each person who applies for an
7 antlerless deer license. Except as otherwise provided in section
8 43521, the fee for a resident antlerless deer license is ~~\$13.00.~~
9 ~~Beginning in 1999, the fee for a resident antlerless deer license~~
10 ~~is \$14.00. Beginning in 2001, the fee for a resident antlerless~~
11 ~~deer license is \$15.00.~~ The fee for a nonresident antlerless deer
12 license is ~~\$120.00.~~ ~~Beginning in 1999, the fee for a nonresident~~
13 ~~antlerless deer license is \$129.00. Beginning in 2001, the fee for~~
14 ~~a nonresident antlerless deer license is \$138.00.~~

15 Sec. 43527. (1) A person shall not hunt deer with a bow and
16 arrow or crossbow during the bow and arrow deer season without a
17 bow and arrow deer license. The fee for a resident bow and arrow
18 deer license is \$15.00. The fee for a resident or nonresident minor
19 child for a bow and arrow deer license shall be discounted 50% from
20 the cost of the resident bow and arrow deer license. **THE FEE FOR A**
21 **BOW AND ARROW DEER LICENSE FOR A RESIDENT OR NONRESIDENT WHO IS**
22 **LESS THAN 10 YEARS OLD IS \$2.00.** The fee for a nonresident bow and
23 arrow deer license is \$138.00.

24 (2) Where authorized by the department, a person may purchase
25 a second bow and arrow deer license in 1 season for the fee
26 assessed under subsection (1) for the bow and arrow deer license
27 for which that person is eligible. However, a senior license

1 discount is not available for the purchase of a second bow and
2 arrow deer license. The department may issue orders under part 401
3 designating the kind of deer that may be taken and the geographic
4 area in which any license issued under this section is valid, if
5 advisable in managing deer.

6 (3) The department may issue a kill tag with, or as a part of,
7 each bow and arrow deer license. Section 43526(2) applies with
8 respect to a bow and arrow deer license.

9 Sec. 43531. (1) Except as otherwise provided in section
10 43523(2), a person shall not trap or hunt fur-bearing animals
11 unless the person possesses a fur harvester's license. However, a
12 person who goes on a bobcat hunt with a licensed hunter is not
13 required to possess a fur harvester's license if the person does
14 not carry a firearm, bow, or crossbow and does not own dogs used to
15 chase or locate a bobcat during the hunt.

16 (2) The fee for a resident fur harvester's license is \$15.00.
17 ~~The fee for a resident or nonresident who is 12 years of age~~
18 ~~through 16 years of age for a fur harvester's license~~ **FOR A**
19 **RESIDENT OR NONRESIDENT MINOR CHILD** shall be discounted 50% from
20 the cost of the resident fur harvester's license. **THE FEE FOR A FUR**
21 **HARVESTER'S LICENSE FOR A RESIDENT OR NONRESIDENT WHO IS LESS THAN**
22 **10 YEARS OLD IS \$2.00.**

23 (3) The department may issue a nonresident fur harvester's
24 license to a nonresident of this state if the state, province, or
25 country in which the nonresident applicant resides allows residents
26 of this state to obtain equivalent hunting and trapping privileges
27 in that state, province, or country. The fee for an eligible

1 nonresident fur harvester's license is \$150.00. Nonresident fur
2 harvester's licenses shall not be sold or purchased before November
3 15 of each year.

4 (4) A person who holds a fur harvester's license may hunt fur-
5 bearing animals during the season open to taking fur-bearing
6 animals with firearms and may trap fur-bearing animals during the
7 season open to trapping fur-bearing animals.

8 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect September
9 1, 2011.