

Legislative Analysis



ALLOW USE OF CROSSBOWS FOR FISHING

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Senate Bill 897

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A SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL 897 AS PASSED BY THE SENATE 3-21-12

The bill would allow the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to issue an order regulating the taking of fish with a crossbow. It amends Part 847 (Sport Fishing) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA). Part 847 currently allows the DNR to regulate the taking of fish with a spear or bow and arrow.

Under the act, "crossbow" means a weapon consisting of a bow mounted transversely on a stock or frame and designed to fire an arrow, bolt, or quarrel by the release of a bow string that is controlled by a mechanical or electric trigger and has a working safety and a draw weight of 100 pounds or greater.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 897 would have no fiscal impact to the State of Michigan or local units of government.

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