

# SENATE BILL No. 615

September 7, 2011, Introduced by Senators SCHUITMAKER, NOFS, WALKER, HILDENBRAND, EMMONS, HUNE, SMITH, GLEASON, ANDERSON, GREGORY, HOOD, WARREN, HOPGOOD, PROOS, GREEN, BRANDENBURG, HANSEN and CASPERSON and referred to the Committee on Outdoor Recreation and Tourism.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled  
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"  
by amending section 43534 (MCL 324.43534), as amended by 1999 PA  
233.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 43534. (1) The department shall designate a Saturday and  
2       the following Sunday during January or February of each year as  
3       free winter fishing days. In addition, the department may designate  
4       1 other day or 2 other consecutive days each year as free fishing  
5       days.

6       (2) **MEMORIAL DAY, THE FOURTH OF JULY, AND LABOR DAY SHALL BE**  
7       **FREE FISHING DAYS IN THIS STATE EVERY YEAR.**

8       (3) ~~(2)~~ During free fishing days, a resident or nonresident  
9       may fish for all species of fish in waters of this state designated

1 by the department without purchasing a license or permit.

2       (4) ~~(3) A person~~ **AN INDIVIDUAL** who fishes during a free  
3 fishing day ~~pursuant to~~ **UNDER** subsection (1) **OR (2)** has the same  
4 privileges and is subject to the same rules and regulations as the  
5 holder of a ~~limited-24-HOUR~~ fishing license issued ~~pursuant to~~  
6 **UNDER** section 43533.