

# SENATE BILL No. 759

February 11, 2014, Introduced by Senator 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 42501 (MCL 324.42501), as amended by 2004 PA  
325.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 42501. (1) A person shall not engage in the business of  
2   buying, selling, dealing, or the tanning and dressing of raw furs,  
3   hides, or pelts of beaver, otter, fisher, marten, muskrat, mink,  
4   skunk, raccoon, opossum, wolf, lynx, bobcat, fox, weasel, coyote,  
5   badger, deer, or bear and the plumage, skins, or hides of protected  
6   game birds or game animals except as authorized by a license issued  
7   by the department ~~pursuant to~~ **UNDER** part 13. A license application  
8   shall be accompanied by a fee as follows:

1 (a) For any person who engages in the business of buying and  
2 selling raw furs, hides, and pelts of fur-bearing animals or the  
3 plumage, skins, or hides of protected game birds or game animals,  
4 the fee is \$10.00.

5 (b) Each person in the business of manufacturing furs who buys  
6 raw pelts is a dealer, and the fee for each individual or agent who  
7 buys furs is, for a resident, \$10.00 and, for a nonresident,  
8 \$50.00.

9 (c) For any person who engages in the business of custom  
10 tanning or dressing of raw furs, the fee is \$5.00. However, such a  
11 license does not authorize that person to buy or sell raw furs.

12 (2) Any person holding a fur dealer's license under this part  
13 is entitled to buy furs, hides, pelts, and the plumage, skins, or  
14 hides, and parts thereof, of protected game birds and game animals  
15 that are legally taken.

16 ~~— (3) A person holding a fur dealer's license under this part is~~  
17 ~~not eligible to secure or hold a license to trap beaver.~~

18 (3) ~~(4)~~—The department may designate the plumage and skin of  
19 those game birds and game animals that may not be bought or sold if  
20 it determines that such a prohibition will best serve the public  
21 interest. The plumage and skins, or parts of plumage and skins, of  
22 migratory game and nongame birds may be bought and sold only in  
23 accordance with federal law or rule.

24 (4) ~~(5)~~—For the purposes of this part, "plumage" means any  
25 part of the feathers, head, wings, or tail of any bird.