

**SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 5321**

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"
by amending section 40114 (MCL 324.40114), as amended by 2016 PA
356.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 40114. (1) The department may issue a permit to an
2 individual who is unable to walk because the individual is a
3 paraplegic or an amputee or because of a disease or injury that has
4 rendered the individual permanently disabled. A permit issued under
5 this subsection authorizes the individual to take game during the
6 open season for that game, including deer of either sex, from or
7 upon a standing vehicle if that individual holds a license to take
8 that game issued under part 435 and complies with all other laws
9 and rules for the taking of game.

1 (2) The department may issue a permit to an individual who is
2 permanently disabled, who has full use of only 1 arm, and who upon
3 investigation is unable to hold, aim, and shoot a bow. A permit
4 issued under this subsection authorizes the individual to take game
5 during the open season for that game with a bow that has been
6 modified so that the bow may be held, aimed, and shot with 1 arm,
7 if that individual holds a license to take that game issued under
8 part 435 and complies with all other laws and rules for the taking
9 of game.

10 (3) The commission may issue an order under section 40113a
11 regulating the taking of game with a modified bow that may be shot
12 with 1 arm. Subsection (2) does not apply on or after the effective
13 date of such an order.

14 (4) In addition, the department may issue permits authorizing
15 1 or more of the following:

16 (a) The taking or possession of animals for the purpose of
17 rehabilitating animals.

18 (b) The taking of animals to prevent or control damage to
19 crops or feed, disease, or nuisance caused by the animals. The
20 taking of animals to prevent or control damage to crops or feed is
21 subject to the following:

22 (i) Except during an open season for deer, deer may be taken
23 under this subdivision if the department determines that deer have
24 caused damage to emerging, standing, or harvested crops or to feed
25 properly stored in accordance with normal agricultural practices.
26 If the department receives a request for a permit ~~issued~~ **TO TAKE**
27 **DEER** under this subdivision, the department shall, within 5

1 business days after receiving the request, determine whether a
2 permit should be issued. If the department determines that a permit
3 should not be issued under this subdivision, the department shall
4 deny the request in writing within 10 business days after receiving
5 the request. In denying the request for a permit, the department
6 shall advise the applicant on other techniques for controlling or
7 preventing damage caused by deer.

8 (ii) A permittee under a deer damage shooting permit may
9 designate not more than 15 authorized shooters to implement the
10 provisions of the permit unless the department authorizes
11 otherwise.

12 (iii) Except during an open season for bear, bear may be taken
13 under this subdivision if the department determines that bear have
14 caused damage to emerging, standing, or harvested crops or to feed
15 properly stored in accordance with normal agricultural practices.
16 If the department receives a request for a permit ~~issued~~ **TO TAKE**
17 **BEAR** under this subdivision, the department shall, within 4 days
18 after receiving the request, respond to a ~~THE~~ request and evaluate
19 whether a permit should be issued. The department may, within 10
20 days after responding to a ~~THE~~ request for a permit, attempt or
21 recommend that the applicant attempt other methods for controlling
22 or preventing damage caused by bear, if the applicant is not
23 required to pay for those methods. Within 10 days after responding
24 to a request for a permit, the department shall grant or deny the
25 request in writing. In denying the request for a permit, the
26 department shall advise the applicant on other techniques for
27 controlling or preventing damage caused by bear. A permittee under

1 a bear damage shooting permit may allow only an individual with a
2 bear hunting license issued under section 43528 for that bear
3 management unit and calendar year to implement the provisions of
4 this subdivision. If an individual takes a bear under this
5 subdivision, that individual shall not take another bear under a
6 bear hunting license issued under section 43528 during that
7 calendar year. An individual implementing this section is subject
8 to the rules and regulations for a bear hunting license issued
9 under section 43528 except that individuals shall not use bait to
10 take a bear under this subdivision. An individual shall not take a
11 cub bear or a female bear accompanied by a cub bear under this
12 subdivision. ~~Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, the~~
13 **THE** department shall not allow more than 5% of the bear hunting
14 licenses issued for a bear management unit to be used to implement
15 the provisions of this subdivision. ~~In~~**HOWEVER, IN** a bear
16 management unit that offers fewer than 20 licenses, the department
17 may allow 1 of those bear hunting licenses to be used to implement
18 ~~the provisions of this section.~~ **THIS SUBDIVISION.** If an individual
19 takes a bear under this subdivision, that individual shall register
20 that bear at a field office of the department within 72 hours ~~of~~
21 **AFTER** taking the bear.

22 (c) The collection, transportation, possession, or disposition
23 of animals and parts of animals for scientific purposes.

24 (d) The public exhibition of animals.

25 (e) Taxidermy.

26 (f) The disposition of accidentally or unlawfully taken or
27 injured animals or animals that are unlawfully possessed.

1 (g) The taking of game with a crossbow by an individual who is
2 permanently or temporarily disabled.

3 (h) The taking or possession of raptors for the purposes of
4 falconry.

5 (5) The taking of animals pursuant to a permit issued under
6 subsection (4)(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), ~~and~~ **OR** (h) is not
7 considered hunting.

8 (6) A permit issued under this section may be suspended,
9 revoked, annulled, withdrawn, recalled, canceled, or amended
10 pursuant to the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306,
11 MCL 24.201 to 24.328. If the holder of a permit is convicted of
12 violating the permit or this section, his or her permit or license
13 may be revoked and any animal and the parts of any animal in his or
14 her possession shall be disposed of in a manner approved by the
15 department.

16 (7) ~~Fees~~ **THE DEPARTMENT SHALL FORWARD FEES** received for
17 permits and licenses issued under this section ~~shall be forwarded~~
18 ~~by the department~~ to the state treasurer to be credited to the game
19 and fish protection account of the Michigan conservation and
20 recreation legacy fund provided for in section 2010.

21 (8) By March 30, 2018, the department shall issue a report in
22 electronic form to each member of the legislature that includes all
23 of the following:

24 (a) The number of bear damage shooting permits issued under
25 subsection (4)(b)(iii).

26 (b) The number of bears taken under subsection (4)(b)(iii).

27 (c) Any recommendations for changes to the bear damage

1 shooting permits under subsection (4) (b) (iii) .

2 (9) UNTIL APRIL 1, 2022, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT ISSUE A
3 PERMIT AUTHORIZING THE STERILIZATION OF GAME. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
4 SUBMIT, TO THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF
5 REPRESENTATIVES WITH PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR NATURAL RESOURCES
6 ISSUES, 2 REPORTS ON THE RESULTS OF RESEARCH UNDER ANY PERMIT
7 AUTHORIZING THE STERILIZATION OF GAME ISSUED BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE
8 DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SUBSECTION. A
9 PRELIMINARY REPORT SHALL BE SUBMITTED BY DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND A
10 FINAL REPORT BY MARCH 31, 2022. THE REPORTS SHALL INCLUDE ANY
11 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATION, INCLUDING WHETHER AND HOW
12 STERILIZATION OF DEER SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED AS A MANNER OF TAKING
13 GAME.

14 (10) THE COMMISSION MAY ESTABLISH, IN OR ADJACENT TO URBAN
15 AREAS WITH A HIGH CONCENTRATION OF DEER, SPECIAL DEER MANAGEMENT
16 ZONES FOR WHICH A HIGHER NUMBER OF DEER KILL TAGS ARE ISSUED.

17 (11) THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF A MUNICIPALITY MAY BY ORDINANCE
18 ADOPT A FIREARM HUNTING DISTANCE REQUIREMENT SHORTER THAN THE 150-
19 YARD REQUIREMENT UNDER SECTION 40111 AS PART OF A DEER MANAGEMENT
20 PLAN. THE 150-YARD REQUIREMENT UNDER SECTION 40111 DOES NOT APPLY
21 IN CIRCUMSTANCES ADDRESSED BY THE ORDINANCE.

22 (12) ~~(9)~~As used in this section, "cub bear" means a bear that
23 is less than 1 year of age.

24 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
25 after the date it is enacted into law.