

HOUSE BILL No. 6417

October 2, 2018, Introduced by Rep. Cole and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 40111a (MCL 324.40111a), as amended by 2015 PA 265.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 40111a. (1) ~~The commission, after consultation with the~~
2 ~~commission of agriculture and rural development, shall issue in the~~
3 ~~manner provided in section 40113a an order concerning deer and elk~~
4 ~~feeding in this state.~~**AN INDIVIDUAL MAY ENGAGE IN DEER AND ELK**
5 **FEEDING ONLY IF BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE MET:**

6 **(A) THE FEED IS LOCATED NOT MORE THAN 600 FEET FROM A**
7 **RESIDENCE, BUILDING, OR STRUCTURE ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.**

8 **(B) NOT MORE THAN 2 GALLONS OF FEED IS PLACED, SCATTERED, OR**
9 **DISTRIBUTED WITHIN 600 FEET OF THAT RESIDENCE, BUILDING, OR**

1 **STRUCTURE AT ANY 1 POINT IN TIME.**

2 (2) As used in this section, "deer and elk feeding" means ~~the~~
3 ~~depositing, distributing, or tending of~~ **TO DEPOSIT, DISTRIBUTE, OR**
4 **TEND** feed in an area frequented by wild, free-ranging white-tailed
5 deer and elk to prevent them from starving or for recreational
6 viewing. Deer and elk feeding does not include any of the
7 following:

8 (a) Baiting to take game as provided by an order of the
9 commission under section 40113a.

10 (b) The scattering of feed solely as the result of normal
11 logging practices or normal agricultural practices.

12 (c) The storage or use of feed for agricultural purposes if 1
13 or more of the following apply:

14 (i) The area is occupied by livestock actively consuming the
15 feed on a daily basis.

16 (ii) The feed is covered to deter wild, free-ranging white-
17 tailed deer and elk from gaining access to the feed or is being
18 used on a daily basis.

19 (iii) The feed is in a storage facility or is stored in a
20 manner that is consistent with normal agricultural practices.

21 (d) Feeding wild birds or other wildlife if done in ~~such a~~
22 ~~manner as to exclude~~ **THAT EXCLUDES** wild, free-ranging white-tailed
23 deer and elk from gaining access to the feed.