

SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 4313

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled  
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"  
(MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 43525c.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 43525c. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section,  
2 an individual 16 years of age or older shall not hunt pheasants  
3 without a current annual pheasant hunting license issued by this  
4 state. The annual pheasant hunting license requirement is in  
5 addition to the requirements for a base license. The fee for the  
6 pheasant hunting license is \$25.00. An individual only hunting  
7 pheasants at a game bird hunting preserve licensed under part 417  
8 is not required to obtain an annual pheasant hunting license under  
9 this section. An individual only hunting pheasants on land owned by



1 that individual or owned by that individual's parent, child, or  
2 spouse is not required to obtain an annual pheasant hunting license  
3 under this section.

4 (2) If issued as a stamp, a pheasant hunting license must be  
5 affixed to the base license of the individual and signed across the  
6 face of the stamp by the individual to whom it is issued.

7 (3) A collector may purchase a pheasant hunting license, if it  
8 is issued as a stamp, without being required to place it on a base  
9 license, sign across its face, or provide proof of competency under  
10 section 43520(2). However, a license described in this subsection  
11 is not valid for hunting pheasants.

12 (4) From the fee collected for each pheasant hunting license,  
13 the department shall deposit 75% of each license fee in the  
14 pheasant subaccount of the game and fish protection account for the  
15 purposes stated in subsection (5) and 25% of each license fee in  
16 the game and fish protection account to be used to restore or  
17 enhance state-owned lands to be managed for the benefit of  
18 pheasants.

19 (5) The pheasant subaccount is created in the game and fish  
20 protection account. The state treasurer may receive money or other  
21 assets from any source for deposit into the subaccount. The state  
22 treasurer shall direct the investment of the subaccount. The state  
23 treasurer shall credit to the subaccount interest and earnings from  
24 subaccount investments. Money in the subaccount at the close of the  
25 fiscal year remains in the subaccount and does not lapse to the  
26 game and fish protection account or the general fund. Money in the  
27 subaccount on January 1, 2026 is transferred to the game and fish  
28 protection account. The department is the administrator of the  
29 subaccount for auditing purposes. The department shall expend money



1 from the subaccount, upon appropriation, only to release live  
2 pheasants on state-owned land suitable for pheasants.

3 (6) This section is repealed effective January 1, 2026.