

HOUSE BILL NO. 4126

February 04, 2021, Introduced by Reps. Howell, Eisen and Cherry and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"
by amending section 43525c (MCL 324.43525c), as added by 2020 PA
262.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 43525c. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section,
2 an individual 18 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

1 addition to the requirements for a base license. The fee for the
2 pheasant hunting license is \$25.00. The following individuals are
3 not required to obtain an annual pheasant hunting license under
4 this section:

5 (a) An individual only hunting pheasants at a game bird
6 hunting preserve licensed under part 417.

7 (b) An individual hunting pheasants on private land, except
8 for individuals hunting on land enrolled in the hunting access
9 program.

10 (c) An individual hunting pheasants on public land in the
11 Upper Peninsula.

12 (d) An individual who holds a lifetime small game license,
13 lifetime sportsperson's license, or a comprehensive lifetime
14 hunting and fishing license issued under section 44102.

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

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

23 (4) ~~From~~ **Except as provided in sections 43541 and 43555**, the
24 **department shall deposit the** fee collected for each pheasant
25 hunting license ~~, the department shall deposit 100% of each license~~
26 ~~fee~~ in the pheasant subaccount of the game and fish protection
27 account for the purposes stated in subsection (5).

28 (5) The pheasant subaccount is created in the game and fish
29 protection account. The state treasurer may receive money or other

1 assets from any source for deposit into the subaccount. The state
2 treasurer shall direct the investment of the subaccount. The state
3 treasurer shall credit to the subaccount interest and earnings from
4 subaccount investments. Money in the subaccount at the close of the
5 fiscal year remains in the subaccount and does not lapse to the
6 game and fish protection account or the general fund. Money in the
7 subaccount on January 1, 2026 is transferred to the game and fish
8 protection account. The department is the administrator of the
9 subaccount for auditing purposes. The department shall expend money
10 from the subaccount, upon appropriation, only to release live
11 pheasants on state-owned land suitable for pheasants.

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