

HOUSE BILL NO. 5631

December 09, 2021, Introduced by Reps. Cherry, Haadsma, Sneller, Green and Cynthia Johnson
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,"
(MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 40503.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 **Sec. 40503. (1) The department shall create a plan to restore**
2 **American woodcock (*Scolopax minor*) populations. The department**
3 **shall develop the plan in consultation with the following:**
4 (a) **The American Woodcock Society.**
5 (b) **The Ruffed Grouse Society.**
6 (c) **The Michigan United Conservation Clubs.**
7 (d) **The Wildlife Management Institute.**

1 (e) The department's timber and forest products advisory
2 council.

3 (f) The United States Forest Service.

4 (g) The United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

5 (h) Other interested persons.

6 (2) The plan shall include all of the following:

7 (a) Interim and final habitat and population goals for
8 American woodcock and associated species for the entire state and
9 each region of the state, state or national forest management unit,
10 state wildlife area, and state game area.

11 (b) Habitat treatments.

12 (c) Use of good neighbor authority under federal law on
13 national forest lands.

14 (d) Information identifying American woodcock habitat needs on
15 private lands, methods to expand American woodcock habitat and
16 populations on private lands, and implementation of those methods.

17 (e) Any other measures necessary to restore American woodcock
18 populations.

19 (3) The department shall do all of the following:

20 (a) By December 31, 2023, submit the initial plan to the
21 standing committees of the senate and house of representatives with
22 primary responsibility for natural resources issues.

23 (b) In consultation with persons described in subsection (1),
24 review the plan every 5 years and, if necessary, update the plan.

25 (c) Submit updated plans to the legislative committees
26 specified in subdivision (a).

27 (d) Annually on July 1, submit to the legislative committees
28 specified in subdivision (a) a report on progress in meeting the
29 goals set by the plan.