

SENATE BILL NO. 276

May 01, 2025, Introduced by Senators CHERRY and BUMSTEAD and referred to Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"
by amending sections 43520, 43522, 43523a, 43523b, 43524, 43525b,
43525c, 43527a, 43528, 43528a, 43528b, 43529, 43531, 43532, 43532a,
43533, 43535, 43540a, 43540c, 43546, and 43553 (MCL 324.43520,
324.43522, 324.43523a, 324.43523b, 324.43524, 324.43525b,
324.43525c, 324.43527a, 324.43528, 324.43528a, 324.43528b,
324.43529, 324.43531, 324.43532, 324.43532a, 324.43533, 324.43535,
324.43540a, 324.43540c, 324.43546, and 324.43553), section 43520 as

amended by 2024 PA 96, section 43522 as amended by 1996 PA 585, section 43523a as amended by 2018 PA 3, sections 43523b and 43527a as added and sections 43524, 43528, 43528a, 43528b, 43529, 43531, 43535, and 43553 as amended by 2013 PA 108, section 43525b as amended by 2016 PA 462, section 43525c as amended by 2021 PA 6, section 43532 as amended by 2020 PA 271, section 43532a as amended by 2020 PA 270, section 43533 as amended by 2016 PA 463, section 43540a as amended by 2018 PA 237, section 43540c as added by 2005 PA 117, and section 43546 as amended by 2004 PA 587, and by adding section 503d.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 503d. (1) The department may charge a permit fee for the
2 use of a state-owned shooting range. The department shall deposit
3 the fee in the shooting and education fund created in subsection
4 (2).

5 (2) The shooting and education fund is created in the state
6 treasury.

7 (3) The state treasurer may receive money or other assets from
8 any source for deposit into the fund. The state treasurer shall
9 direct the investment of the fund. The state treasurer shall credit
10 to the fund interest and earnings from fund investments.

11 (4) Money in the fund at the close of the fiscal year remains
12 in the fund and does not lapse to the general fund.

13 (5) The department is the administrator of the fund for
14 auditing purposes.

15 (6) The department shall expend money from the fund, on
16 appropriation, for the operation and maintenance of state-owned
17 shooting ranges and the administration of shooting education
18 programs.

1 **(7) As used in this section, "fund" means the shooting and**
2 **education fund created in subsection (2).**

3 Sec. 43520. (1) Subject to other requirements of this part,
4 the department may issue a hunting license to an adult who has a
5 developmental disability, has a guardian appointed under chapter 6
6 of the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1600 to 330.1644,
7 and is unable to obtain certification of completion of training in
8 hunter safety, or to a minor child if all of the following
9 requirements are met:

10 (a) A parent or guardian of the individual applies for the
11 license on behalf of the individual.

12 (b) The parent or guardian represents that the requirements of
13 section 43517, as applicable, will be complied with.

14 (c) The license fee is paid.

15 (2) An individual born after January 1, 1960 shall not
16 purchase or attempt to purchase a hunting license, unless the
17 individual presents proof of previous hunting experience in the
18 form of a hunting license issued by this state, another state, a
19 province of Canada, or another country or presents a certification
20 of completion of training in hunter safety issued to the individual
21 by this state, another state, a province of Canada, or another
22 country. If an applicant for a hunting license does not have proof
23 of such a previous license or a certification of completion of
24 training in hunter safety, a person authorized to sell hunting
25 licenses may issue a hunting license if the applicant submits a
26 signed affidavit stating that the applicant has completed a course
27 in hunter safety or that the applicant possessed such a hunting
28 license previously. The person selling a hunting license shall
29 record as specified by the department the form of proof of the

1 previous hunting experience or certification of completion of
2 hunter safety training presented by the applicant. This subsection
3 does not apply to the issuance of an apprentice license, or
4 mentored hunting license. An apprentice license, mentored hunting
5 license, or the equivalent does not satisfy the requirements of
6 this subsection concerning proof of previous hunting experience.

7 (3) An individual who does not meet the requirements of
8 subsection (2) may obtain an apprentice license for the same price
9 as the corresponding regular license that the individual would
10 otherwise be qualified to obtain. An individual 17 years old or
11 older shall not hunt game under an apprentice license unless
12 another individual at least 21 years old who possesses a license,
13 other than an apprentice license, to hunt that game accompanies
14 that apprentice licensee and does not accompany more than 1 other
15 apprentice licensee. For the purposes of this subsection and
16 section 43517(1)(b), an individual shall not go along with more
17 than 2 apprentice licensees of any age for the purpose of
18 accompanying those apprentice licensees while those apprentice
19 licensees are hunting. If an individual has represented to an
20 apprentice licensee or, if the apprentice licensee is a minor
21 child, to the apprentice licensee's parent or guardian that the
22 individual would accompany the apprentice licensee for the purposes
23 of this subsection, the individual shall not go along with the
24 apprentice licensee while the apprentice licensee is hunting unless
25 the individual actually accompanies the apprentice licensee and
26 possesses a license, other than an apprentice license, to hunt the
27 same game as the apprentice licensee. An individual is not eligible
28 to obtain a specific type of apprentice license, such as a deer
29 license, a base license, or a turkey license, for more than 2

1 license years. An apprentice license must be distinguished from a
2 license other than an apprentice license by a notation or other
3 means.

4 (4) Only a minor who is less than 10 years old, a minor child
5 with a developmental disability, or an adult who has a
6 developmental disability and a guardian appointed under chapter 6
7 of the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1600 to 330.1644,
8 may obtain a mentored hunting license. A minor who is less than 10
9 years old, a minor child with a developmental disability, or an
10 adult who has a developmental disability and a guardian appointed
11 under chapter 6 of the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL
12 330.1600 to 330.1644, shall not hunt game under a mentored hunting
13 license unless that individual complies with all requirements of
14 the mentored hunting program established by the commission under
15 section 43517.

16 (5) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the fee
17 for a mentored hunting license is ~~\$7.50.~~ **\$10.00.** A mentored hunting
18 license is free for an individual with a developmental disability.
19 A mentored hunting license includes all of the privileges conferred
20 by all of the following:

21 (a) Base license.

22 (b) Deer license.

23 (c) All-species fishing license.

24 (d) Spring wild turkey hunting license and fall wild turkey
25 hunting license.

26 (e) Fur harvester's license.

27 (6) An individual who purchases a mentored hunting license may
28 apply for or purchase additional licenses ~~pursuant to~~ **in accordance**
29 **with** current regulations, including, but not limited to, all of the

1 following:

2 (a) Antlerless deer licenses under section 43527a.

3 (b) A bear hunting license under section 43528.

4 (c) An elk hunting license under section 43529.

5 (7) An individual hunting with a license purchased under
6 subsection (6) must comply with all requirements of the mentored
7 hunting program established by the commission under section 43517.

8 (8) By September 1, 2023 and every 4 years after that date,
9 the department shall submit a report to the standing committees of
10 the senate and house of representatives with primary responsibility
11 for conservation and outdoor recreation issues evaluating whether
12 the fee revenue received by the department from mentored hunting
13 licenses under subsection (5) is adequate to administer the
14 mentored hunting program.

15 (9) As used in this section, "developmental disability" means
16 that term as defined in section 100a of the mental health code,
17 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1100a.

18 Sec. 43522. If ~~a person~~**an individual** applying for a license
19 or permit under this part does not possess a Michigan driver
20 license or other identification, the department shall issue a
21 sportcard. A person authorized by the department to issue licenses
22 shall charge a ~~\$1.00~~**\$2.00** fee for each sportcard that ~~he or she~~
23 **the person** issues. The authorized person shall forward the required
24 form and the fee collected ~~pursuant to~~**under** this section to the
25 department. The department shall issue a license and a sportcard
26 provided for in this part if the applicant satisfies the license
27 requirements and pays the license fees.

28 Sec. 43523a. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this part, an
29 individual shall not hunt small game, unless the individual

possesses a current base license. A base license authorizes the individual named in the license to hunt for small game, except for animals or birds that require a special license.

(2) If authorized in an order issued under part 401, an individual who possesses a current base license may take specified fur-bearing animals by means other than trapping during the open season for hunting these fur-bearing animals. However, an individual who goes on a bobcat hunt with a licensed hunter is not required to possess a base license if the individual does not carry a firearm, bow, or crossbow and does not own dogs used to chase or locate a bobcat during the hunt.

(3) The fee for a base license is as follows:

(a) ~~Subject to subdivision (b), for~~ **For** a resident,
~~\$10.00.~~ **\$15.00.**

~~(b) For a resident minor child or nonresident minor child,~~
~~\$5.00.~~

(b) ~~(c) Subject to subdivision (b), for~~ **For** a nonresident,
~~\$150.00.~~ **\$200.00.**

(4) A base license is void between the hours of 1/2 hour after sunset and 1/2 hour before sunrise with the exception of coyote hunting.

(5) A nonresident may purchase a limited nonresident small game license entitling that individual to hunt for a 7-day period all species of small game that are available to hunt under a nonresident base license. The fee for a 7-day limited nonresident small game license is ~~\$80.00.~~ **\$125.00.** Except for the purchase of a waterfowl hunting license under section 43525b, the purchase of a 7-day limited nonresident small game license does not entitle the holder to purchase any additional licenses.

1 (6) ~~Beginning March 1, 2018, a~~ **A** nonresident may purchase a 3-
 2 day limited nonresident small game license entitling that
 3 individual to hunt for a 3-day period all species of small game
 4 that are available to hunt under a nonresident base license. The
 5 fee for a 3-day limited nonresident small game license is ~~\$50.00.~~
 6 **\$80.00.** Except for the purchase of a waterfowl hunting license
 7 issued under section 43525b, the purchase of a 3-day limited
 8 nonresident small game license does not entitle the holder to
 9 purchase any additional licenses.

10 (7) ~~Not later than March 1, 2018, the~~ **The** department shall
 11 develop an electronic license that allows an individual to display
 12 an electronic copy of ~~his or her~~ **the individual's** base license
 13 using an electronic device.

14 (8) **For each license year, the state treasurer shall adjust**
 15 **the amounts set forth in this section by an amount determined by**
 16 **the state treasurer to reflect the cumulative percentage change in**
 17 **the Consumer Price Index from December 1, 2024 to the December 1**
 18 **immediately preceding that license year, using the most recent data**
 19 **available and rounded to the nearest dollar.**

20 Sec. 43523b. (1) ~~Beginning March 1, 2014, the~~ **The** fee for a
 21 resident combination hunt and fish license is ~~\$75.00~~ **\$100.00** and
 22 ~~shall include~~ **includes** all of the privileges conferred by all of
 23 the following:

24 (a) ~~Resident~~ **A resident** base license.

25 (b) Two deer licenses.

26 (c) ~~All-species~~ **An all-species** fishing license.

27 (2) ~~Beginning March 1, 2014, the~~ **The** fee for a nonresident
 28 combination hunt and fish license is ~~\$265.00~~ **\$355.00** and ~~shall~~
 29 ~~include~~ **includes** all of the privileges conferred by all of the

1 following:

2 (a) ~~Nonresident~~ **A nonresident** base license.

3 (b) Two deer licenses.

4 (c) ~~All-species~~ **An all-species** fishing license.

5 (3) **The fee for a resident complete license is \$150.00 and**
6 **includes all of the privileges conferred by all of the following:**

7 (a) **A resident base license.**

8 (b) **Two deer licenses.**

9 (c) **One antlerless deer license.**

10 (d) **An all-species fishing license.**

11 (e) **A spring and fall wild turkey hunting license.**

12 (f) **A waterfowl hunting license.**

13 (g) **A pheasant hunting license.**

14 (h) **A fur harvester's license.**

15 (4) **The fee for a nonresident complete license is \$450.00 and**
16 **includes all of the privileges conferred by all of the following:**

17 (a) **A nonresident base license.**

18 (b) **Two deer licenses.**

19 (c) **One antlerless deer license.**

20 (d) **An all-species fishing license.**

21 (e) **A spring and fall wild turkey hunting license.**

22 (f) **A waterfowl hunting license.**

23 (g) **A pheasant hunting license.**

24 (h) **A fur harvester's license.**

25 (5) **For each license year, the state treasurer shall adjust**
26 **the amounts set forth in this section by an amount determined by**
27 **the state treasurer to reflect the cumulative percentage change in**
28 **the Consumer Price Index from December 1, 2024 to the December 1**
29 **immediately preceding that license year, using the most recent data**

1 **available and rounded to the nearest dollar.**

2 Sec. 43524. (1) An individual shall not hunt wild turkey
3 without a wild turkey hunting license. ~~The fee for a resident wild~~
4 ~~turkey hunting license is \$15.00. The fee for a nonresident wild~~
5 ~~turkey hunting license is \$69.00.~~ Subject to the requirements of
6 section 40113a, the commission may issue an order requiring that
7 all applications for wild turkey hunting licenses, or applications
8 for wild turkey hunting licenses for certain geographic areas, be
9 entered into a lottery designed and run by the department. An
10 individual selected in a lottery, upon meeting the requirements of
11 this part, is authorized to purchase a wild turkey hunting license.
12 The license shall be issued for a specified hunting period and
13 confers upon the holder of the license the right to hunt wild
14 turkeys.

15 ~~(2) The department may charge a nonrefundable application fee~~
16 ~~not to exceed \$4.00 for each application for a wild turkey hunting~~
17 ~~license that is entered into a lottery under subsection (1).~~

18 ~~(3) From fees collected under subsection (1) or (2), the~~
19 ~~following amounts shall be used for scientific research, biological~~
20 ~~survey work on wild turkeys, creation and management of wild turkey~~
21 ~~habitat on state land, national forestland, and private land,~~
22 ~~annual wild turkey hunter surveys, disease testing for wild turkeys~~
23 ~~suspected of having a disease and voluntarily submitted to the~~
24 ~~department of natural resources, and other wild turkey management~~
25 ~~in this state:~~

26 (a) Resident wild turkey hunting license	\$	9.50
27 (b) Nonresident wild turkey hunting license	\$	50.00
28 (c) Senior wild turkey hunting license	\$	1.00
29 (d) Wild turkey hunting application		amount of

~~application fee, if any,~~
~~but not more than \$ 3.00.~~

(2) ~~(4)~~ The department shall, to the extent possible, use the money from subsection ~~(3)~~ **(5)** to create and manage wild turkey habitat on state forestland, state game areas, national forestland, and private land, where appropriate. The department shall, before January 1 of each year, provide to the standing committees in the senate and house of representatives that primarily consider issues relating to natural resources a report detailing the expenditures for the prior year under subsection ~~(3)~~ **(5)**.

(3) ~~(5)~~ ~~Beginning March 1, 2014, only~~ **Only** an individual holding a valid base license is eligible to purchase a wild turkey hunting license, ~~pursuant to~~ **in accordance with** current regulations. The fee for a wild turkey hunting license is ~~\$15.00.~~ **\$18.00.**

(4) ~~(6)~~ ~~Beginning March 1, 2014, the~~ **The** department may charge a nonrefundable application fee not to exceed ~~\$5.00~~ **\$6.00** for each application for a wild turkey hunting license that is entered into a lottery under subsection (1).

(5) ~~(7)~~ ~~Beginning March 1, 2014, from~~ **From** fees collected under subsection ~~(5) or (6),~~ **(3) or (4)**, the following amounts ~~shall~~ **must** be used for scientific research, biological survey work on wild turkeys, creation and management of wild turkey habitat on state land, national forestland, and private land, annual wild turkey hunter surveys, disease testing for wild turkeys suspected of having a disease and voluntarily submitted to the department of natural resources, and other wild turkey management in this state:

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| (a) Wild turkey hunting license | \$9.50 12.00 |
| (b) Senior wild turkey hunting license | \$ 1.00 2.00 |

(c) Wild turkey hunting application amount of
 application fee, if any,
 but not more than \$
~~3.00~~.5.00

(6) For each license year, the state treasurer shall adjust the amounts set forth in this section by an amount determined by the state treasurer to reflect the cumulative percentage change in the Consumer Price Index from December 1, 2024 to the December 1 immediately preceding that license year, using the most recent data available and rounded to the nearest dollar.

Sec. 43525b. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this part, an individual 16 years of age or older shall not hunt waterfowl without a current waterfowl hunting license issued by this state. The annual license requirement is in addition to the requirements for a base license and federal migratory bird hunting stamp. The fee for ~~the a~~ waterfowl hunting license is ~~\$12.00~~.**\$18.00**.

(2) If issued as a stamp, a waterfowl hunting license ~~shall~~ **must** be affixed to the base license of the individual and signed across the face of the stamp by the individual to whom it is issued.

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

(4) From the fee collected for each waterfowl hunting license, the department shall use the following amounts:

(a) ~~\$9.00 shall~~ **\$12.00 from each waterfowl hunting license** **must** be used to acquire, restore, or enhance wetlands and other

lands to be managed for the benefit of waterfowl. ~~Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, not more than 0.25% of the money under this subdivision shall be used to acquire lands. However, if all of the money appropriated from the natural resources trust fund for eco-region acquisition carried over from previous fiscal years is spent, then the 0.25% limitation under this subdivision does not apply.~~ The department shall not acquire land under this subdivision until that acquisition is approved by the joint capital outlay subcommittee.

(b) ~~\$1.93 shall~~ **\$3.00 from each waterfowl hunting license must** be used to operate, maintain, and develop managed waterfowl areas in this state.

(c) **\$1.00 from each waterfowl hunting license to match federal wetland investment programs.**

(d) ~~(e)~~ The remaining amount ~~shall~~ **must** be retained under section 43541 or used for administration of this part.

(5) ~~Not later than March 1, 2018, the~~ **The** department shall develop an electronic license that allows an individual to display an electronic copy of ~~his or her~~ **the individual's** Michigan waterfowl hunting license using an electronic device.

(6) **For each license year, the state treasurer shall adjust the amounts set forth in this section by an amount determined by the state treasurer to reflect the cumulative percentage change in the Consumer Price Index from December 1, 2024 to the December 1 immediately preceding that license year, using the most recent data available and rounded to the nearest dollar.**

Sec. 43525c. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, an individual 18 years of age or older shall not hunt pheasants without a current annual pheasant hunting license issued by this

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 (4) Except as provided in sections 43541 and 43555, the
25 department shall deposit the fee collected for each pheasant
26 hunting license in the pheasant subaccount of the game and fish
27 protection 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

assets from any source for deposit into the subaccount. The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the subaccount. The state treasurer shall credit to the subaccount interest and earnings from subaccount investments. Money in the subaccount at the close of the fiscal year remains in the subaccount and does not lapse to the game and fish protection account or the general fund. ~~Money in the subaccount on January 1, 2026 is transferred to the game and fish protection account.~~ The department is the administrator of the subaccount for auditing purposes. The department shall expend money from the subaccount, ~~upon~~ **on** appropriation, only for costs associated with the purchase and release of live pheasants on state-owned land suitable for pheasants.

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

Sec. 43527a. (1) ~~Beginning March 1, 2014, only~~ **Only** an individual holding a valid base license is eligible to purchase a deer license, ~~or an antlerless deer license, pursuant to~~ **in accordance with** current regulations. The fee for a deer license ~~or an antlerless deer license is \$20.00.~~ **\$25.00.**

(2) ~~Beginning March 1, 2014, the~~ **The** department shall charge a nonrefundable application fee not to exceed ~~\$5.00~~ **\$6.00** for each individual who applies for an antlerless deer license. **The department shall provide a wildlife management discount on all antlerless deer licenses equal to an 80% discount from the cost of a deer license.**

(3) The department may issue a kill tag with or as part of each deer license. The kill tag ~~shall~~ **must** bear the license number. The kill tag may also include space for other pertinent information required by the department. The kill tag, if issued, is part of the license.

(4) Where authorized by the department, a resident may purchase a second deer license for the fee assessed under this subsection for the deer license for which that individual is eligible. However, a senior license discount is not available for the purchase of a second deer license. Where authorized by the department, a nonresident may purchase an additional deer license ~~or antlerless deer license~~ under this section for ~~\$170.00.~~ **\$225.00.** The department may issue orders under part 401 designating the kind of deer that may be taken and the geographic area in which any license issued under this section is valid, when advisable in managing deer.

(5) For each license year, the state treasurer shall adjust the amounts set forth in this section by an amount determined by the state treasurer to reflect the cumulative percentage change in the Consumer Price Index from December 1, 2024 to the December 1 immediately preceding that license year, using the most recent data available and rounded to the nearest dollar.

Sec. 43528. (1) An individual shall not hunt bear unless the individual possesses a bear hunting license. ~~However, an~~ **Only an individual holding a valid base license is eligible to purchase a bear hunting license, in accordance with current regulations.** An individual who goes on a bear hunt with a licensed hunter is not required to possess a bear hunting license if the individual does not carry a firearm, bow, or crossbow and does not own dogs used to chase or locate bear during the hunt. ~~Beginning March 1, 2014, only an individual holding a valid base license is eligible to purchase a bear hunting license, pursuant to current regulations.~~

(2) The fee for a resident bear hunting license is ~~\$15.00.~~ **\$30.00.** The fee for a nonresident bear hunting license is ~~\$150.00.~~

1 ~~\$180.00. Beginning March 1, 2014, the fee for a bear hunting~~
2 ~~license is \$25.00.~~

3 (3) The department may issue a kill tag with, or as a part of,
4 a bear hunting license. The kill tag shall ~~shall~~**must** bear the license
5 number. The kill tag may also include space for other pertinent
6 information required by the department. The kill tag, if issued, is
7 part of the license.

8 ~~(4) In addition to the license fees in subsection (2), the~~
9 ~~department shall charge a nonrefundable application fee not to~~
10 ~~exceed \$4.00 for each individual who applies for a bear hunting~~
11 ~~license. Beginning March 1, 2014, in~~ **In** addition to the license
12 fees in subsection (2), the department shall charge a nonrefundable
13 application fee not to exceed ~~\$5.00~~**\$6.00** for each individual who
14 applies for a bear hunting license.

15 ~~(5) Beginning March 1, 2014, the~~ **The** following individuals
16 chasing or locating bear with dogs during the open season for that
17 game and who hold a valid base license are eligible for the
18 purchase of a bear participation license for a fee of
19 ~~\$15.00~~**\$30.00**:

20 (a) Any individual possessing a firearm, crossbow, or bow and
21 arrow.

22 (b) The owner, when present, of any dog chasing or locating
23 bear.

24 **(6) For each license year, the state treasurer shall adjust**
25 **the amounts set forth in this section by an amount determined by**
26 **the state treasurer to reflect the cumulative percentage change in**
27 **the Consumer Price Index from December 1, 2024 to the December 1**
28 **immediately preceding that license year, using the most recent data**
29 **available and rounded to the nearest dollar.**

1 Sec. 43528a. (1) A resident shall not hunt moose without a
2 moose hunting license. ~~Beginning March 1, 2014, only~~ **Only** a
3 resident holding a valid base license is eligible to purchase a
4 moose hunting license, ~~pursuant to~~ **in accordance with** current
5 regulations. The fee for a moose hunting license is \$100.00. The
6 department may establish a nonrefundable application fee not to
7 exceed ~~\$4.00~~ **\$6.00** for each individual who applies for a moose
8 hunting license. ~~Beginning March 1, 2014, the department may~~
9 ~~establish a nonrefundable application fee not to exceed \$5.00 for~~
10 ~~each individual who applies for a moose hunting license.~~

11 (2) The department may issue a kill tag with, or as part of, a
12 moose hunting license. The kill tag ~~shall~~ **must** bear the license
13 number. The kill tag may also include space for other pertinent
14 information required by the department. The kill tag, if issued, is
15 part of the license.

16 Sec. 43528b. (1) An individual shall not hunt wolf without a
17 wolf hunting license. ~~Beginning March 1, 2014, only~~ **Only** an
18 individual holding a valid base license is eligible to purchase a
19 wolf hunting license. The fee for a resident wolf hunting license
20 is \$100.00. The fee for a nonresident wolf hunting license is
21 \$500.00. The department may establish a nonrefundable application
22 fee not to exceed ~~\$4.00~~ **\$6.00** for each individual who applies for a
23 wolf hunting license. ~~Beginning March 1, 2014, the department may~~
24 ~~establish a nonrefundable application fee not to exceed \$5.00 for~~
25 ~~each individual who applies for a wolf hunting license.~~

26 (2) The department may issue a kill tag with, or as part of, a
27 wolf hunting license. The kill tag ~~shall~~ **must** bear the license
28 number. The kill tag may also include space for other pertinent
29 information required by the department. The kill tag, if issued, is

1 part of the license.

2 Sec. 43529. (1) A resident shall not hunt elk during the elk
3 season without an elk hunting license. ~~Beginning March 1, 2014,~~
4 ~~only~~ **Only** a resident holding a valid base license is eligible to
5 purchase an elk hunting license, ~~pursuant to~~ **in accordance with**
6 current regulations. The fee for an elk hunting license is ~~\$100.00.~~
7 ~~The department may establish a nonrefundable application fee not to~~
8 ~~exceed \$4.00 for each individual who applies for an elk hunting~~
9 ~~license. Beginning March 1, 2014, the~~ **\$125.00. The** department may
10 establish a nonrefundable application fee not to exceed ~~\$5.00~~ **\$6.00**
11 for each individual who applies for an elk hunting license.

12 (2) The department may issue a kill tag with, or as a part of,
13 an elk hunting license. The kill tag ~~shall~~ **must** bear the license
14 number. The kill tag may also include space for other pertinent
15 information required by the department. The kill tag, if issued, is
16 part of the license.

17 (3) **For each license year, the state treasurer shall adjust**
18 **the amounts set forth in this section by an amount determined by**
19 **the state treasurer to reflect the cumulative percentage change in**
20 **the Consumer Price Index from December 1, 2024 to the December 1**
21 **immediately preceding that license year, using the most recent data**
22 **available and rounded to the nearest dollar.**

23 Sec. 43531. (1) Except as otherwise provided in ~~section~~
24 ~~43523(2) or section 43523a(2),~~ an individual shall not trap or hunt
25 fur-bearing animals unless the individual possesses a fur
26 harvester's license. **An individual shall not trap or hunt a bobcat**
27 **unless the individual possesses a bobcat kill tag.** However, an
28 individual who goes on a bobcat hunt with a licensed hunter is not
29 required to possess a fur harvester's license if the individual

1 does not carry a firearm, bow, or crossbow and does not own dogs
2 used to chase or locate a bobcat during the hunt.

3 ~~(2) The fee for a resident fur harvester's license is \$15.00.~~
4 ~~The fee for a fur harvester's license for a resident or nonresident~~
5 ~~minor child 10 years old or older shall be discounted 50% from the~~
6 ~~cost of the resident fur harvester's license.~~

7 ~~(3) Until March 1, 2014, the department may issue a~~
8 ~~nonresident fur harvester's license to a nonresident of this state~~
9 ~~if the state, province, or country in which the nonresident~~
10 ~~applicant resides allows residents of this state to obtain~~
11 ~~equivalent hunting and trapping privileges in that state, province,~~
12 ~~or country. The fee for an eligible nonresident fur harvester's~~
13 ~~license is \$150.00. Nonresident fur harvester's licenses shall not~~
14 ~~be sold or purchased before November 15 of each year.~~

15 (2) ~~(4)~~ An individual who holds a fur harvester's license may
16 hunt fur-bearing animals during the season open to taking fur-
17 bearing animals with firearms and may trap fur-bearing animals
18 during the season open to trapping fur-bearing animals.

19 (3) ~~(5) Beginning March 1, 2014, only~~ **Only** an individual
20 holding a valid base license is eligible to purchase a fur
21 harvester's license, ~~pursuant to~~ **in accordance with** current
22 regulations. The fee for a fur harvester's license is ~~\$15.00.~~
23 **\$18.00. Only an individual holding a valid fur harvester's license**
24 **is eligible to purchase a bobcat kill tag. The fee for a bobcat**
25 **kill tag is \$30.00.**

26 (4) ~~(6) Beginning March 1, 2014, for~~ **For** a nonresident holding
27 a valid base license and a valid fur harvester's license, the fur
28 harvester's license is not valid for fur-bearing species for which
29 a bag limit has been established.

1 (5) For each license year, the state treasurer shall adjust
2 the amounts set forth in this section by an amount determined by
3 the state treasurer to reflect the cumulative percentage change in
4 the Consumer Price Index from December 1, 2024 to the December 1
5 immediately preceding that license year, using the most recent data
6 available and rounded to the nearest dollar.

7 Sec. 43532. (1) An all-species fishing license entitles the
8 licensee to take and possess all aquatic species as prescribed by
9 law.

10 (2) An individual ~~17~~**16** years of age or older shall not take
11 or possess an aquatic species, except aquatic insects, in the
12 waters over which this state has jurisdiction without an all-
13 species fishing license. Except as otherwise provided in this
14 subsection, the fee for a resident all-species fishing license is
15 ~~\$25.00.~~**\$30.00**. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection,
16 the fee for a nonresident all-species fishing license is ~~\$75.00.~~
17 **\$90.00**. An individual under ~~17~~**16** years of age may take and possess
18 aquatic species in the waters over which this state has
19 jurisdiction without an all-species fishing license. However, an
20 individual under ~~17~~**16** years of age may obtain an all-species
21 fishing license. The fee for a resident or nonresident who is under
22 ~~17~~**16** years of age for an all-species fishing license is \$2.00.

23 (3) The department shall develop an electronic license that
24 allows an individual to display an electronic copy of ~~his or her~~
25 **the individual's** all-species fishing license using an electronic
26 device.

27 (4) **The cold-water subaccount is created in the game and fish**
28 **protection account. The state treasurer may receive money or other**
29 **assets from any source for deposit into the subaccount. The state**

1 treasurer shall direct the investment of the subaccount. The state
 2 treasurer shall credit to the subaccount interest and earnings from
 3 subaccount investments. Money in the subaccount at the close of the
 4 fiscal year remains in the subaccount and does not lapse to the
 5 game and fish protection account or the general fund. The
 6 department is the administrator of the subaccount for auditing
 7 purposes. The department shall expend money from the subaccount, on
 8 appropriation, only for cold-water habitat improvement and
 9 monitoring, production, and dam removal to benefit cold-water
 10 species.

11 (5) From the fees collected in subsection (2), the following
 12 amounts must be deposited in the cold-water subaccount created in
 13 subsection (4):

14 (a) \$5.00 from each resident all-species fishing license.

15 (b) \$15.00 from each nonresident all-species fishing license.

16 (6) For each license year, the state treasurer shall adjust
 17 the amounts set forth in this section by an amount determined by
 18 the state treasurer to reflect the cumulative percentage change in
 19 the Consumer Price Index from December 1, 2024 to the December 1
 20 immediately preceding that license year, using the most recent data
 21 available and rounded to the nearest dollar.

22 Sec. 43532a. (1) The department shall charge an additional
 23 ~~\$1.00~~ **\$5.00** for each of the following licenses:

24 (a) A base license issued under sections 43523a(3) and
 25 43535(2).

26 (b) A combination hunt and fish license issued under section
 27 43523b.

28 (c) Except for those licenses purchased by individuals under
 29 ~~17-16~~ years of age, an all-species fishing license issued under

1 sections 43532(2) and 43536(1).

2 (2) The department shall deposit money generated under this
3 section ~~in~~ **as follows:**

4 (a) **\$2.00 in the Michigan wildlife management public education**
5 **subaccount created in section 43532b.**

6 (b) **\$2.00 in the hunting and fishing education and recruitment**
7 **fund created in section 43553.**

8 (c) **\$1.00 in the hunters feeding Michigan fund created in**
9 **section 43540c.**

10 Sec. 43533. (1) A resident ~~or nonresident~~ may purchase a 24-
11 hour fishing license entitling that individual to take, for a
12 designated 24-hour period, and possess all aquatic species as
13 prescribed by law. The fee for a **resident** 24-hour fishing license
14 is ~~\$10.00~~ **\$15.00** per designated consecutive 24-hour period.

15 ~~(2) A resident or nonresident may purchase a 72-hour fishing~~
16 ~~license entitling that individual to take, for a designated 72-hour~~
17 ~~period, and possess all aquatic species as prescribed by law. The~~
18 ~~fee for a 72-hour fishing license is \$30.00 per designated~~
19 ~~consecutive 72-hour period.~~

20 (2) **A nonresident may purchase a 24-hour fishing license**
21 **entitling that individual to take, for a designated 24-hour period,**
22 **and possess all aquatic species as prescribed by law. The fee for a**
23 **nonresident 24-hour fishing license is \$25.00 per designated**
24 **consecutive 24-hour period.**

25 (3) ~~Not later than March 1, 2018, the~~ **The** department shall
26 develop an electronic license that allows an individual to display
27 an electronic copy of ~~his or her~~ **the individual's** 24-hour ~~or 72-~~
28 ~~hour~~ fishing license using an electronic device.

29 (4) **For each license year, the state treasurer shall adjust**

the amounts set forth in this section by an amount determined by the state treasurer to reflect the cumulative percentage change in the Consumer Price Index from December 1, 2024 to the December 1 immediately preceding that license year, using the most recent data available and rounded to the nearest dollar.

Sec. 43535. ~~(1) Until March 1, 2014, a resident of this state who is 65 years of age or older may obtain a senior small game license, a senior firearm deer license, a senior bow and arrow deer license, a senior bear hunting license, a senior wild turkey hunting license, or a senior fur harvester's license. The fee for each senior license shall be discounted 60% from the fee for the resident license.~~

~~(2) Beginning March 1, 2014, a~~ **A** resident of this state who is 65 years of age or older may obtain a senior base license, a senior deer license, a senior wild turkey hunting license, or a senior fur harvester's license. **A resident of this state who is 16 years of age or younger may obtain a child base license, a child deer license, a child wild turkey hunting license, or a child fur harvester's license.** The fee for each senior **or child** license shall be discounted 60% from the fee for the resident license.

Sec. 43540a. (1) Subject to subsection (4), by January 1, 2007, the department shall implement a program to distribute wild game to people in need. The program shall be known as the ~~sportsmen against hunger~~ **hunters feeding Michigan** program.

(2) Under the program, the department shall do all of the following:

(a) Collect donations of legally taken game that complies with all state and federal game laws, including any requirement that the parts of the game be intact.

1 (b) Contract for processing the donated game.

2 (c) Distribute the processed game to food banks, soup
3 kitchens, and other charitable organizations that provide meals or
4 food to people free of charge.

5 (d) Promote the program through the license distribution
6 system and other means that will further the mission of the
7 program.

8 (3) Under the program, the department may request financial
9 donations to offset the cost of processing donated game. The
10 financial donations are tax deductible.

11 (4) The department may contract for the administration of the
12 program by a nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation
13 under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code, 26 USC 501,
14 if the department determines that it is more efficient to do so.
15 Subject to section 43540c(9), payments under the contract ~~shall~~
16 **must** be adequate to cover the nonprofit organization's costs in
17 administering the program. Before entering such a contract, the
18 department shall issue a request for proposals. If the request for
19 proposals does not yield a bid that meets the requirements of this
20 section, the department is not required to implement the ~~sportsmen~~
21 ~~against hunger~~ **hunters feeding Michigan** program.

22 (5) To qualify to enter a contract under subsection (4), a
23 nonprofit organization must have demonstrated a commitment to the
24 goals of the program and have at least 5 years of experience in
25 providing wild game or other food to people free of charge. The
26 contract ~~shall~~ **must** require that the contracting nonprofit
27 organization do all of the following:

28 (a) Maintain a license under the charitable organizations and
29 solicitations act, 1975 PA 169, MCL 400.271 to 400.294.

1 (b) Maintain adequate staff to perform the tasks outlined in
2 the contract.

3 (c) Annually undergo an independent financial audit and
4 provide the audit information and report to the department.

5 (6) As used in this section, "program" means the ~~sportsmen~~
6 ~~against hunger~~ **hunters feeding Michigan** program created under
7 subsection (1).

8 Sec. 43540c. (1) Subject to subsection (2), when a person
9 applies for a license under this part, the department or the
10 department's agent shall ask whether the person would like to
11 donate \$1.00 to the ~~sportsmen against hunger~~ **hunters feeding**
12 **Michigan** program created by the department under section 43540a
13 and, if so, shall collect the donation with the license fee. A
14 person designated by the department to issue licenses shall not
15 receive a commission under section 43541 for the donation.

16 (2) Subsection (1) applies to license applications made
17 beginning January 1, 2006.

18 (3) A donation under subsection (1) is in addition to the
19 license fee.

20 (4) The department shall transfer donations under subsection
21 (1) to the state treasurer for deposit in the fund.

22 (5) The ~~sportsmen against hunger~~ **hunters feeding Michigan** fund
23 is created ~~within~~ **in** the state treasury.

24 (6) The state treasurer may receive money or other assets from
25 any source for deposit into the fund. The state treasurer shall
26 direct the investment of the fund. The state treasurer shall credit
27 to the fund interest and earnings from fund investments.

28 (7) Money in the fund at the close of the fiscal year ~~shall~~
29 ~~remain~~ **remains** in the fund and ~~shall~~ **does** not lapse to the general

1 fund.

2 (8) ~~Money~~**The department shall expend money** from the fund,
3 ~~shall be expended, upon on~~ appropriation, only ~~by the department~~
4 for 1 or more of the following purposes:

5 (a) The costs of administering the fund, including the costs
6 of collecting donations to the fund.

7 (b) The administration of the ~~sportsmen against hunger hunters~~
8 **feeding Michigan** program created under section 43540a, including,
9 if applicable, the costs of any contract with a nonprofit
10 organization to administer the ~~sportsmen against hunger hunters~~
11 **feeding Michigan** program, as authorized under section 43540a(4).

12 (9) The department shall not incur costs described in
13 subsection (8) in excess of the amount of revenue in the fund
14 available to cover such costs.

15 (10) As used in this section, "fund" means the ~~sportsmen~~
16 ~~against hunger hunters~~ **feeding Michigan** fund created in subsection
17 (5).

18 Sec. 43546. (1) ~~Before June 1~~**By May 1** of each year, the
19 department shall determine the total number of ~~senior hunting and~~
20 ~~fishing~~**qualified** licenses issued and the total fees collected the
21 preceding license year. The department shall determine the total
22 fees that would have been collected if those ~~senior citizens~~
23 **individuals** had been required to purchase full-price resident
24 hunting and fishing licenses during the preceding license year.
25 From this total, the department shall subtract the fees collected
26 from the sale of ~~senior hunting and fishing~~**qualified** licenses
27 during the preceding license year. The difference is the amount
28 that would otherwise be collected.

29 (2) ~~The legislature~~**By May 1 of each year, the department**

1 ~~shall annually appropriate from the general fund a sum equal to~~
 2 **notify the department of treasury, the senate fiscal agency, the**
 3 **house fiscal agency, and the state budget office of both of the**
 4 **following:**

5 (a) **The amount of the** fees that would otherwise be collected
 6 as determined ~~pursuant to~~ **under** subsection (1). ~~The sum~~
 7 ~~appropriated shall be credited to the game and fish protection~~
 8 ~~account.~~

9 (b) **The amount of the fees and commissions retained under**
 10 **section 43541.**

11 (3) **As used in this section, "qualified licenses" means any of**
 12 **the following:**

13 (a) **A senior hunting and fishing license issued under section**
 14 **43535.**

15 (b) **A child hunting and fishing license issued under section**
 16 **43535.**

17 (c) **An antlerless deer license issued under section 43527a.**

18 (d) **A free license issued to a disabled veteran under section**
 19 **43537.**

20 Sec. 43553. (1) The department shall transmit all money
 21 received from the sale of licenses to the state treasurer, together
 22 with a statement indicating the amount of money received and the
 23 source of the money.

24 (2) Except as provided in section 43555 and subsection (5),
 25 the state treasurer shall credit the money received from the sale
 26 of passbooks and licenses to the game and fish protection account.

27 (3) Except as provided in sections 43524, ~~43525,~~ 43525b, and
 28 43554 and subsection (4), money credited to the game and fish
 29 protection account shall be paid out by the state treasurer

1 ~~pursuant to~~ **in accordance with** the accounting laws of this state
2 for the following purposes:

3 (a) Services rendered by the department, together with the
4 expenses incurred in the enforcement and administration of the
5 wildlife and fisheries laws of the state, including the necessary
6 equipment and apparatus incident to the operation and enforcement
7 of the wildlife and fisheries laws, and the protection,
8 propagation, distribution, and control of wildlife and fish.

9 (b) The propagation and liberation of wildlife or fish and for
10 their increase at the time, place, and manner as the department
11 considers advisable.

12 (c) The purchase, lease, and management of lands, together
13 with the necessary equipment for the purpose of propagating and
14 rearing wildlife or fish, and for establishing and maintaining game
15 refuges, wildlife sanctuaries, and public shooting and fishing
16 grounds. Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, not more
17 than 0.25% of the money credited to the game and fish protection
18 account ~~shall~~ **must** be used to purchase lands under this
19 subdivision. However, if all of the money appropriated from the
20 natural resources trust fund for eco-region acquisition carried
21 over from previous fiscal years is spent, then the 0.25% limitation
22 under this subdivision does not apply. Land ~~shall~~ **must** not be
23 purchased under this subdivision until that purchase is approved by
24 the joint capital outlay subcommittee. **The department shall**
25 **primarily manage any land purchased or leased under this**
26 **subdivision for 1 of the following purposes:**

27 (i) Propagating and rearing wildlife or fish.

28 (ii) Maintaining game refuges, wildlife sanctuaries, and public
29 shooting and fishing grounds.

1 (d) Conducting investigations and compiling and publishing
 2 information relative to the propagation, protection, and
 3 conservation of wildlife.

4 (e) Delivering lectures, developing cooperation, and carrying
 5 on appropriate educational activities relating to the conservation
 6 of the wildlife of this state.

7 (4) The department may make direct grants to colleges and
 8 universities in this state, out of funds appropriated from the game
 9 and fish protection account, to conduct fish or wildlife research
 10 or both fish and wildlife research.

11 (5) The ~~youth hunting and fishing education and outreach~~
 12 **recruitment** fund is created as a separate fund in the department of
 13 treasury. ~~Until March 1, 2014, the state treasurer shall credit to~~
 14 ~~the youth hunting and fishing education and outreach fund the money~~
 15 ~~received from the sale of small game licenses and all species~~
 16 ~~fishing licenses under sections 43523 and 43532, respectively, to~~
 17 ~~minor children. Beginning March 1, 2014, the state treasurer shall~~
 18 ~~credit to the youth hunting and fishing education and outreach fund~~
 19 ~~\$1.00 received from the sale of each base license to minor children~~
 20 ~~under section 43523a. Money in the youth hunting and fishing~~
 21 ~~education and outreach~~ **recruitment** fund at the close of the fiscal
 22 year ~~shall remain~~ **remains** in the fund and ~~shall~~ **does** not lapse to
 23 the general fund.

24 (6) Money credited to the ~~youth hunting and fishing education~~
 25 ~~and outreach~~ **recruitment** fund shall be paid out by the state
 26 treasurer ~~pursuant to~~ **in accordance with** the accounting laws of
 27 this state ~~for~~ **as follows:**

28 (a) **At least 50% for** hunting and fishing education. ~~and~~
 29 ~~outreach programs for minor children.~~

1 **(b) The balance on hunting and fishing recruitment activities.**

2 (7) The department and any other executive department of ~~the~~
3 ~~this~~ state that receives money from the game and fish protection
4 account or the ~~youth~~-hunting and fishing education and ~~outreach~~
5 **recruitment** fund shall submit an annual report to the legislature
6 showing the amount of money received by the department or other
7 executive department from the game and fish protection account or
8 the ~~youth~~-hunting and fishing education and ~~outreach~~-**recruitment**
9 fund and how that money was spent. An executive department required
10 to submit a report as provided in this subsection shall send a copy
11 of the report to the legislature and to the department.

12 ~~(8) Not later than November 1, 2013, the department shall~~
13 ~~complete and post on its website a fisheries division strategic and~~
14 ~~tactical plan with measures and metrics.~~

15 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
16 unless Senate Bill No. 277 of the 103rd Legislature is enacted into
17 law.