

**GOGUAC LAKE SANCTUARY (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 164 of 1933**

**317.251 Goguac Lake Sanctuary; establishment, rights of owners, shooting.**

Sec. 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to shoot, molest, catch, injure, destroy, or kill any wild water fowl, wild shore birds, wild game birds, or any other birds, or any wild animals, during the open season thereon, within, upon or above the waters of Goguac Lake or Minges Brook in the township of Battle Creek, Calhoun county, Michigan, or upon or above the territory within 80 rods from the shore line of said lake, or upon or above the territory within 80 rods of the shore line of Minges Brook, between the west line of section 23 and the east line of section 25 in said township of Battle Creek, Calhoun county, Michigan. The territory herein described is hereby set aside as a refuge district to be known as the Goguac Lake Sanctuary: Provided, That this act shall not in any way operate to exempt from taxation any otherwise taxable property within the territorial limits herein described: Provided further, That nothing in this act shall be construed as prohibiting any property owner or lessee within the confines of the Goguac Lake Sanctuary from hunting, shooting or trapping hawks, crows, sparrows, starlings, rodents, rabbits, owls, gophers, skunks and weasels or other carnivorous birds or animals on their own property for the protection of the same: Provided further, That nothing in this act shall be construed as prohibiting the city of Battle Creek from destroying rodents insofar as the same is necessary for the protection of the water supply of Battle Creek: Provided further, That in order to prevent the frightening away of the wild life herein intended to be protected in said Goguac Lake Sanctuary, all shooting in said Goguac Lake Sanctuary, except as heretofore expressly permitted and in case of emergency, and except organized trap or target shooting on club or recreational premises, is hereby prohibited and declared unlawful.

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