

**TURTLES**  
**Act 424 of 1988**

AN ACT to regulate the sale of turtles in this state; to provide for certain duties of the department of agriculture; and to provide for penalties.

**History:** 1988, Act 424, Eff. Mar. 30, 1989.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

**287.311 "Turtle" defined.**

Sec. 1. As used in this act, "turtle" includes all animals commonly known as turtles, tortoises, terrapins, and all other animals of the order testudinata, class reptilia.

**History:** 1988, Act 424, Eff. Mar. 30, 1989.

**287.312 Sale or distribution of turtle eggs or live turtles; health advisory sheet required.**

Sec. 2. A person shall not sell or distribute in the state viable turtle eggs or live turtles with a carapace length of less than 4 inches unless he or she provides the purchaser with the health advisory sheet described in section 3.

**History:** 1988, Act 424, Eff. Mar. 30, 1989.

**287.313 Publication and availability of health advisory sheet.**

Sec. 3. The department of agriculture shall publish and make available a health advisory sheet describing the potential health risk to children and adults of contracting salmonellosis from turtles.

**History:** 1988, Act 424, Eff. Mar. 30, 1989.

**287.314 Violation as misdemeanor; penalty.**

Sec. 4. A person who violates this act is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$1,000.00, or imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or both, for each violation of this act.

**History:** 1988, Act 424, Eff. Mar. 30, 1989.