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Senate Bill 531 (as reported without amendment)  
Sponsor: Senator Michelle A. McManus  
Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend Part 401 (Wildlife Conservation) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to prohibit anyone other than the Department of Natural Resources from taking game using a tranquilizer propelled from a bow or firearm.

A person who violates a provision of Part 401 regarding the taking of game is guilty of a misdemeanor. In addition to the costs of prosecution, violations are punishable as shown in Table 1.

Table 1

<b>Type of Game</b>	<b>Imprisonment</b>	<b>Fine</b>
Deer, bear, wild turkey <sup>a</sup>	Five-90 days	\$200-\$1,000
Elk <sup>b</sup>	30-180 days	\$500-\$2,000
Moose <sup>a</sup>	90 days-one year	\$1,000-\$5,000
All other game <sup>b</sup>	0-90 days	\$100-\$1,000

<sup>a</sup>Punishable by imprisonment and a fine

<sup>b</sup>Punishable by imprisonment and/or a fine

Proposed MCL 324.40111c

Legislative Analyst: Julie Cassidy

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on local government. There are no data to indicate how many offenders would be convicted of taking game using a tranquilizer propelled from a bow or firearm. Local governments would incur the costs of misdemeanor probation and incarceration in local facilities, which vary by county. Additional penal fine revenue would benefit public libraries.

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