

# SENATE BILL No. 635

December 3, 2015, Introduced by Senator CASPERSON and referred to the Committee on Outdoor Recreation and Tourism.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 43504, 43523a, 43523b, 43527a, 43528b, and 43532 (MCL 324.43504, 324.43523a, 324.43523b, 324.43527a, 324.43528b, and 324.43532), section 43504 as amended by 2004 PA 587 and sections 43523a, 43523b, and 43527a as added and sections 43528b and 43532 as amended by 2013 PA 108, and by adding section 43527c.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 43504. As used in this part:

2           (a) "Game" has the meaning given that term in part 401.

3           (b) "Game and fish protection account" means the game and fish  
4 protection account of the Michigan conservation and recreation  
5 legacy fund provided for in section 2010.

6           (c) "QUALIFIED NONRESIDENT" MEANS EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING:

1 (i) A NONRESIDENT WHO OWNS LAND IN THIS STATE.

2 (ii) A NONRESIDENT WHO SIGNS AN AFFIDAVIT THAT INCLUDES BOTH OF  
3 THE FOLLOWING:

4 (A) A STATEMENT THAT THE INDIVIDUAL PREVIOUSLY LIVED IN THIS  
5 STATE FOR 10 CONSECUTIVE YEARS.

6 (B) THE NAME OF A SPONSORING INDIVIDUAL WHO WILL ACCOMPANY  
7 THAT NONRESIDENT WHILE HUNTING. TO QUALIFY AS A SPONSORING  
8 INDIVIDUAL, AN INDIVIDUAL MUST BE THE NONRESIDENT'S SPOUSE, PARENT,  
9 STEPPARENT, GRANDPARENT, BROTHER, STEPBROTHER, SISTER, STEPSISTER,  
10 SON, STEPSON, DAUGHTER, OR STEPDAUGHTER, BE A RESIDENT OF THIS  
11 STATE, AND HAVE A VALID HUNTING LICENSE IN THIS STATE.

12 (D) ~~(e)~~—"Wildlife and fisheries" includes any member of the  
13 wild animal kingdom, including any mammal, bird, fish, reptile,  
14 amphibian, or invertebrate found in this state at any point in its  
15 natural life cycle.

16 Sec. 43523a. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this part, an  
17 individual shall not hunt small game, unless the individual  
18 possesses a current base license. A base license authorizes the  
19 individual named in the license to hunt for small game, except for  
20 animals or birds that require a special license.

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

1 locate a bobcat during the hunt.

2 (3) ~~Beginning March 1, 2014, the~~ **THE** fee for a base license is  
3 as follows:

4 (a) Subject to subdivision (b), for a resident, \$10.00.

5 (b) For a resident minor child or nonresident minor child,  
6 \$5.00.

7 **(C) FOR A QUALIFIED NONRESIDENT, \$75.00.**

8 **(D)** ~~(e)~~ Subject to ~~subdivision~~ **SUBDIVISIONS** (b) **AND (C)**, for a  
9 nonresident, \$150.00.

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

13 (5) ~~Beginning March 1, 2014, a~~ **A** nonresident may purchase a  
14 limited nonresident small game license entitling that individual to  
15 hunt for a 7-day period all species of small game that are  
16 available to hunt under a nonresident base license. ~~The~~ **EXCEPT AS**  
17 **OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION, THE** fee for a limited  
18 nonresident small game license is \$80.00. **FOR A QUALIFIED**  
19 **NONRESIDENT, THE FEE FOR A LIMITED NONRESIDENT SMALL GAME LICENSE**  
20 **IS \$40.00.** The purchase of a 7-day limited nonresident small game  
21 license does not entitle the holder to purchase any additional  
22 licenses.

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

26 (a) Resident base license.

27 (b) Two deer licenses.

1 (c) All-species fishing license.

2 (2) ~~Beginning March 1, 2014,~~ **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN**  
3 **SUBSECTION (3),** the fee for a nonresident combination hunt and fish  
4 license is \$265.00 and shall include all of the privileges  
5 conferred by all of the following:

6 (a) Nonresident base license.

7 (b) Two deer licenses.

8 (c) All-species fishing license.

9 (3) **FOR A QUALIFIED NONRESIDENT, THE FEE FOR A NONRESIDENT**  
10 **COMBINATION HUNT AND FISH LICENSE IS \$132.50 AND SHALL INCLUDE ALL**  
11 **OF THE PRIVILEGES CONFERRED BY ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:**

12 (A) **NONRESIDENT BASE LICENSE.**

13 (B) **TWO DEER LICENSES.**

14 (C) **ALL-SPECIES FISHING LICENSE.**

15 Sec. 43527a. (1) ~~Beginning March 1, 2014, only~~ **ONLY** an  
16 individual holding a valid base license is eligible to purchase a  
17 deer license or an antlerless deer license, pursuant to current  
18 regulations. The fee for a deer license or an antlerless deer  
19 license is \$20.00.

20 (2) ~~Beginning March 1, 2014, the~~ **THE** department shall charge a  
21 nonrefundable application fee not to exceed \$5.00 for each  
22 individual who applies for an antlerless deer license.

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

1           (4) Where authorized by the department, a resident may  
2 purchase a second deer license for the fee assessed under this  
3 subsection for the deer license for which that individual is  
4 eligible. However, a senior license discount is not available for  
5 the purchase of a second deer license. Where authorized by the  
6 department, a nonresident may purchase an additional deer license  
7 or antlerless deer license under this section for \$170.00. **WHERE**  
8 **AUTHORIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT, A QUALIFIED NONRESIDENT MAY PURCHASE**  
9 **AN ADDITIONAL DEER LICENSE OR ANTLERLESS DEER LICENSE UNDER THIS**  
10 **SECTION FOR \$85.00.** The department may issue orders under part 401  
11 designating the kind of deer that may be taken and the geographic  
12 area in which any license issued under this section is valid, when  
13 advisable in managing deer.

14           **SEC. 43527C. (1) ONLY AN INDIVIDUAL HOLDING A VALID BASE**  
15 **LICENSE IS ELIGIBLE TO PURCHASE A COMBINATION DEER LICENSE. THE FEE**  
16 **FOR A COMBINATION DEER LICENSE IS \$40.00 AND INCLUDES THE**  
17 **FOLLOWING:**

18           **(A) AN UNRESTRICTED TAG THAT MAY BE USED TO TAKE ANY ANTLERED**  
19 **DEER DURING ANY SEASON OR ANTLERLESS DEER DURING ARCHERY SEASON.**

20           **(B) A RESTRICTED TAG THAT MAY BE USED TO TAKE ANY DEER HAVING**  
21 **AT LEAST 3 ANTLER POINTS ON ONE SIDE, EACH AT LEAST 1 INCH IN**  
22 **LENGTH.**

23           **(2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE A KILL TAG WITH OR AS PART OF**  
24 **EACH COMBINATION DEER LICENSE. THE KILL TAG SHALL BEAR THE LICENSE**  
25 **NUMBER. THE KILL TAG MAY ALSO INCLUDE SPACE FOR OTHER PERTINENT**  
26 **INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT. THE KILL TAG, IF ISSUED, IS**  
27 **PART OF THE LICENSE.**

1           (3) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "ANTLERED DEER" MEANS A DEER  
2 HAVING AT LEAST 1 ANTLER THAT EXTENDS 3 INCHES OR MORE ABOVE THE  
3 SKULL.

4           Sec. 43528b. (1) An individual shall not hunt wolf without a  
5 wolf hunting license. ~~Beginning March 1, 2014, only~~ **ONLY** an  
6 individual holding a valid base license is eligible to purchase a  
7 wolf hunting license. The fee for a resident wolf hunting license  
8 is \$100.00. ~~The~~ **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION,**  
9 **THE** fee for a nonresident wolf hunting license is \$500.00. **FOR A**  
10 **QUALIFIED NONRESIDENT, THE FEE FOR A NONRESIDENT WOLF HUNTING**  
11 **LICENSE IS \$250.00.** The ~~department may establish a nonrefundable~~  
12 ~~application fee not to exceed \$4.00 for each individual who applies~~  
13 ~~for a wolf hunting license. Beginning March 1, 2014, the department~~  
14 may establish a nonrefundable application fee not to exceed \$5.00  
15 for each individual who applies for a wolf hunting license.

16           (2) The department may issue a kill tag with, or as part of, a  
17 wolf hunting license. The kill tag shall bear the license number.  
18 The kill tag may also include space for other pertinent information  
19 required by the department. The kill tag, if issued, is part of the  
20 license.

21           Sec. 43532. ~~(1) An individual 17 years of age or older shall~~  
22 ~~not take or possess an aquatic species, except aquatic insects, in~~  
23 ~~the waters over which this state has jurisdiction without a~~  
24 ~~license. The fee for a resident restricted fishing license is~~  
25 ~~\$15.00. The fee for a nonresident restricted fishing license is~~  
26 ~~\$34.00.~~

27           ~~(2) A restricted fishing license entitles the licensee to take~~

1 and possess aquatic species as prescribed by law, other than trout,  
2 salmon, lake sturgeon, lake herring, amphibians, reptiles, or  
3 crustaceans.

4 ~~—— (3) An individual under 17 years of age may take aquatic~~  
5 ~~species in the waters over which this state has jurisdiction~~  
6 ~~without a license. However, an individual under 17 years of age may~~  
7 ~~obtain an all-species fishing license. The fee for a resident or~~  
8 ~~nonresident who is under 17 years of age for an all-species fishing~~  
9 ~~license is \$2.00. The department shall not sell or vendor the list~~  
10 ~~of licensees under this subsection.~~

11 ~~—— (4) The fee for a resident all-species fishing license is~~  
12 ~~\$28.00. The fee for a nonresident all-species fishing license is~~  
13 ~~\$42.00.~~

14 (1) ~~(5)~~ An all-species fishing license entitles the licensee  
15 to take and possess all aquatic species as prescribed by law.

16 ~~—— (6) An individual to whom a valid restricted fishing license~~  
17 ~~has been issued may return the restricted license to the department~~  
18 ~~or its authorized agent and receive an all-species fishing license~~  
19 ~~by paying a fee equal to the difference in cost between the all-~~  
20 ~~species fishing license and the restricted fishing license for~~  
21 ~~which that individual is eligible.~~

22 (2) ~~(7) Beginning March 1, 2014, an AN individual 17 years of~~  
23 ~~age or older shall not take or possess an aquatic species, except~~  
24 ~~aquatic insects, in the waters over which this state has~~  
25 ~~jurisdiction without a license. The fee for a resident all-species~~  
26 ~~fishing license is \$25.00. The **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS**~~  
27 ~~**SUBSECTION, THE** fee for a nonresident all-species fishing license~~

1 is \$75.00. ~~Beginning March 1, 2014, the restricted fishing license,~~  
2 ~~license for an individual under 17 years of age, and all species~~  
3 ~~upgrades under subsections (1), (3), and (6) are no longer~~  
4 ~~available.~~ **FOR A QUALIFIED NONRESIDENT, THE FEE FOR A NONRESIDENT**  
5 **ALL-SPECIES FISHING LICENSE IS \$37.50.**

6 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days  
7 after the date it is enacted into law.