

**SENATE BILL NO. 1057**

April 22, 1998, Introduced by Senators BYRUM and JAYE and referred to the Committee on Hunting, Fishing and Forestry.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 43534 (MCL 324.43534), as added by 1995 PA 57.

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

1       Sec. 43534. (1) The department may designate 1 day or 2  
2 consecutive days each year as free fishing days, during which a  
3 resident or nonresident may fish for all species of fish in  
4 waters of this state designated by the department without pur-  
5 chasing a license or permit.

6       (2) A person who fishes during the free fishing day or days  
7 pursuant to subsection (1) has the same privileges and is subject  
8 to the same rules and regulations as would be the holder of a  
9 limited fishing license issued ~~pursuant to~~ UNDER section  
10 43533.

1           (3) A PERSON MAY FISH AT ANY TIME WITHOUT A LICENSE OR  
2 PERMIT IF BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY:

3           (A) THE PERSON IS PARTICIPATING IN A FISHING DERBY CONDUCTED  
4 BY AN ENTITY THAT IS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 501(c)(3) OF THE INTER-  
5 NAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986.

6           (B) THE FISHING DERBY IS APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE  
7 PURPOSE OF THIS SUBSECTION.