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House Bill 4348 (as reported without amendment)  
Sponsor: Representative James Middaugh  
House Committee: Conservation, Environment, and Great Lakes  
Senate Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA) to repeal and reenact, by inserting them into the NREPA, current statutes concerning wildlife conservation, possession, sale, and regulation; shooting and hunting grounds; hunting and fishing licenses; fisheries; forests; geological surveys and resource inventory; oil, gas, and mineral wells; mineral mining; and peat extraction.

Further, the bill specifies that after its effective date, the Department of Natural Resources would undertake all of the powers given to the Natural Resources Commission by Public Act 256 of 1988, which concerns wildlife conservation.

The bill also would repeal, but not reenact, the Forestry Reserve Act; Public Act 22 of 1913, which provides for the protection of the Snowy Heron and the American Egret; Public Act 7 of 1911, which transferred the duties of the Commissioner of Mineral Statistics to the State Board of Geological Survey; and Public Act 132 of 1897, which regulates the plugging of abandoned salt wells.

The bill is tie-barred to House Bills 4349, 4350, and 4351.

Proposed MCL 324.40101 et al.

Legislative Analyst: L. Burghardt

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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