



HOUSE BILL No. 5013

September 12, 1995, Introduced by Rep. Llewellyn and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

A bill to amend section 43553 of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," as added by Act No. 57 of the Public Acts of 1995, being section 324.43553 of the Michigan Compiled Laws; and to add section 43554a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 43553 of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts
2 of 1994, as added by Act No. 57 of the Public Acts of 1995, being
3 section 324.43553 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended and
4 section 43554a is added to read as follows:

5 Sec. 43553. (1) Except as provided in sections 43554A,
6 43555, and 43556, the department shall transmit all money
7 received from the sale of licenses to the state treasurer,
8 together with a statement indicating the amount of money received

1 and the source of the money. The game and fish protection fund
2 is created as a separate fund in the department of treasury, and
3 the state treasurer shall credit the money received from the sale
4 of passbooks and licenses to the game and fish protection fund.

5 (2) Except as provided in sections 43524, 43525, 43531,
6 43554, and 43556 and subsection (3), money credited to the game
7 and fish protection fund shall be paid out by the state treasurer
8 pursuant to the accounting laws of this state for the following
9 purposes:

10 (a) Services rendered by the department, together with the
11 expenses incurred in the enforcement and administration of the
12 game, fish, and fur laws of the state, including the necessary
13 equipment and apparatus incident to the operation and enforcement
14 of the game, fish, and fur laws, and the protection, propagation,
15 distribution, and control of game, fish, birds, fur-bearing ani-
16 mals, and other wildlife forms.

17 (b) The propagation and liberation of game, fur-bearing ani-
18 mals, birds, or fish and for their increase at the time, place,
19 and manner as the department considers advisable.

20 (c) The purchase, lease, and management of lands, together
21 with the necessary equipment for the purpose of propagating and
22 rearing game, fur-bearing animals, birds, or fish, and for estab-
23 lishing and maintaining game refuges, wildlife sanctuaries,
24 public shooting, and fishing grounds.

25 (d) Conducting investigations and compiling and publishing
26 information relative to the propagation, protection, and
27 conservation of wildlife.

1 (e) Delivering lectures, developing cooperation, and
2 carrying on appropriate educational activities relating to the
3 conservation of the wildlife of this state.

4 (3) The department may make direct grants to colleges and
5 universities in this state, out of funds appropriated from the
6 game and fish protection fund, to conduct fish or wildlife
7 research or both fish and wildlife research.

8 (4) The department and any other executive department of the
9 state that receives money from the game and fish protection fund
10 shall submit an annual report to the legislature showing the
11 amount of money received by the department from the game and fish
12 protection fund and how that money was spent. The executive
13 departments required to submit a report as provided in this sub-
14 section shall send a copy of their report to the legislature and
15 to the department.

16 SEC. 43554A. IN ADDITION TO THE LICENSE FEES PROVIDED FOR
17 IN SECTIONS 43521, 43523, 43524, 43526, 43527, 43528, 43529,
18 43530, AND 43531, A PERSON WHO PURCHASES A LICENSE TO TAKE GAME
19 UNDER ANY OF THESE SECTIONS SHALL PAY AN ADDITIONAL \$5.00 FEE
20 WHICH SHALL BE TRANSMITTED TO THE STATE TREASURER FOR DEPOSIT IN
21 THE GAME DAMAGE REIMBURSEMENT FUND. ONE-FIFTH OF THE MONEY IN
22 THE GAME DAMAGE REIMBURSEMENT FUND SHALL BE USED TO PAY FOR THE
23 FENCING OF PRIVATE PROPERTY THAT HAS SUFFERED, OR THAT BECAUSE OF
24 ITS LOCATION IS LIKELY TO SUFFER, GAME ANIMAL DAMAGE, TO PROTECT
25 THAT PROPERTY FROM THE INTRUSION OF GAME ANIMALS. THE BALANCE OF
26 THE FUND AND THE FUND'S INTEREST AND EARNINGS SHALL BE EXPENDED
27 TO PAY FOR VERIFIED FARM CROP DAMAGES CAUSED BY GAME ANIMALS.