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SENIOR HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE FEES

House Bill 4023

Sponsor: Rep. Dale Sheltrown

**Committee: Conservation and Outdoor
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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4023 AS INTRODUCED 1-26-99

House Bill 4023 would amend Part 435 (MCL 324.43525a et al.) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA), which regulates hunting and fishing licensing, to change license fees for senior citizens, as follows:

Senior Citizen Hunting License Fees. Currently, under Part 435, certain senior citizen hunting license fees are discounted by 60 percent. This fee confers upon the licensee all the combined rights and privileges granted by a resident small game license, a resident firearm deer license, a resident bow and arrow deer license, a resident bear hunting license, a senior wild turkey hunting license, or a resident fur harvester's license. House Bill 4023 would specify, instead, that a senior citizen hunting license fee would be \$4, and would delete the current reference to senior wild turkey hunting licenses.

Senior Citizen Fishing License Fees. Currently, a limited senior citizen fishing license is \$3; and the fees for senior restricted and senior all-species fishing licenses are discounted 60 percent from the regular fees. (A limited fishing license entitles the licensee to take all aquatic species within a designated 24-hour period; a restricted fishing license entitles the licensee to take all aquatic species except salmon and trout; and an all-species license entitles the licensee to take all species). House Bill 4023 would delete these provisions and would specify, instead, that all senior citizen license fees would be \$1, and that the license would confer upon the licensee all the combined rights and privileges conferred by a resident all-species fishing license. In addition, a senior citizen who purchased a fishing license could obtain one for his or her spouse at no additional charge.

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