

SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 717

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"
(MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 43526a; and to repeal
acts and parts of acts.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 43526A. (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH A HUNTERS
2 HELPING LANDOWNERS PROGRAM.

3 (2) THE PROGRAM SHALL DO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING:

4 (A) ALLOW AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS WILLING TO HARVEST ANTLERLESS
5 DEER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION EACH YEAR TO THE DEPARTMENT TO
6 PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM, INDICATING IN WHICH COUNTIES THE
7 INDIVIDUAL WOULD BE WILLING TO HARVEST ANTLERLESS DEER. AN
8 INDIVIDUAL SHALL NOT REGISTER TO HARVEST ANTLERLESS DEER UNDER THE
9 PROGRAM IN MORE THAN 2 COUNTIES.

1 (B) ALLOW LANDOWNERS WHO FEEL THEY NEED ADDITIONAL ANTLERLESS
2 DEER HARVESTED ON THEIR PROPERTY, OR A LESSEE OF THE PROPERTY WITH
3 THE LANDOWNER'S PERMISSION, TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT AND REQUEST A
4 LIST CONTAINING ALL THE INDIVIDUALS WHO INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD
5 BE WILLING TO HARVEST ANTLERLESS DEER IN THE LANDOWNER'S OR
6 LESSEE'S COUNTY.

7 (3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE IN ANY LIST SENT TO
8 LANDOWNERS OR LESSEES UNDER THIS SECTION A NOTIFICATION THAT THE
9 DEPARTMENT HAS NOT VERIFIED THAT THE INDIVIDUALS INCLUDED ON THAT
10 LIST POSSESS VALID HUNTING LICENSES.

11 (4) ON JANUARY 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DELETE ALL
12 INFORMATION OBTAINED DURING THE PREVIOUS YEAR UNDER SUBSECTION
13 (2) (A).

14 (5) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING AVAILABLE
15 ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE:

16 (A) A LIST OF ALL THE DEER HUNTING LICENSES AND PERMITS
17 AVAILABLE IN THIS STATE.

18 (B) THE CRITERIA FOR QUALIFYING FOR EACH OF THE LICENSES OR
19 PERMITS LISTED IN SUBDIVISION (A).

20 (C) A LIST OF WHERE TO OBTAIN THE LICENSES OR PERMITS LISTED
21 IN SUBDIVISION (A).

22 (6) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INDICATE ON ALL FORMS AND INFORMATION
23 ABOUT THE PROGRAM THAT PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM IS VOLUNTARY.

24 (7) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "PROGRAM" MEANS THE HUNTERS
25 HELPING LANDOWNERS PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (1).

26 (8) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017.