

# SENATE BILL No. 717

October 4, 2011, Introduced by Senators PROOS and MARLEAU and referred to the Committee on Outdoor Recreation and Tourism.

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

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1        SEC. 43526A. (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH A HUNTERS  
2        HELPING FARMERS 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 TO THE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN  
6        THE PROGRAM. AN INDIVIDUAL MAY SELECT UP TO 2 COUNTIES WHERE THE  
7        INDIVIDUAL WOULD BE WILLING TO HARVEST ANTLERLESS DEER.

8        (B) ALLOW LANDOWNERS OR FARMERS WHO FEEL THEY NEED ADDITIONAL  
9        ANTLERLESS DEER HARVESTED ON THEIR PROPERTY TO CONTACT THE  
10       DEPARTMENT AND REQUEST A LIST CONTAINING ALL THE INDIVIDUALS WHO  
11       INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO HARVEST ANTLERLESS DEER IN

1 THE LANDOWNER'S OR FARMER'S COUNTY.

2 (3) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "PROGRAM" MEANS THE HUNTERS

3 HELPING FARMERS PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (1).