

# Legislative Analysis

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## TRANSPORTATION OF SLINGSHOT, BOW, OR CROSSBOW

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**House Bill 5417 as introduced**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Steven Johnson**  
**Committee: Judiciary**  
**Complete to 2-12-18**

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### SUMMARY:

House Bill 5417 would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to allow for the open transportation of slingshots, bows, and crossbows.

Currently, bows and crossbows must be unstrung, enclosed in a case, or carried in the trunk of a vehicle when transported on public land or roads in Michigan. Also, without a hunting license, slingshots, bows, and crossbows must be unstrung, enclosed in a case, or carried in a vehicle in a location that is not readily accessible to any occupant of the vehicle when they are being carried or transported.

The bill would remove these restrictions to allow for the possession and transportation of slingshots, bows, and crossbows without their having to be unstrung, enclosed in a case, or carried in the trunk of a vehicle or in a location that is not readily accessible.

MCL 324.40111 and 324.43513

### FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 5417 is unlikely to affect costs or revenues for the Department of Natural Resources or local units of government.

This bill would likely have a nominal fiscal impact on state and local law enforcement agencies, the extent to which would be determined by forgone citation revenues resulting from any decline in citations issued for improperly transporting a bow, crossbow, or slingshot.

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