

Legislative Analysis



WILD TURKEY AS OFFICIAL STATE GAME BIRD

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House Bill 4589 as introduced

Sponsor: Rep. Gary Howell

Committee: Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation

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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4589 would create an act to designate the eastern wild turkey as Michigan's official game bird. It would take effect 90 days after enactment.

BACKGROUND:

Michigan holds two hunting seasons for wild turkey, one in the spring and another in the fall.¹ According to the Department of Natural Resources, turkeys can be found in all 68 counties in the Lower Peninsula and most counties in the Upper Peninsula.²

Michigan currently has several other state symbols, including the following:

- Bird: American robin
- Fish: brook trout
- Flower: apple blossom
- Game mammal: white-tailed deer
- Reptile: painted turtle
- Stone: Petoskey stone
- Tree: eastern white pine
- Wildflower: dwarf lake iris

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the state or local units of government.

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¹ More information on hunting wild turkeys can be found here: https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-350-79119_79147_81580---,00.html.

² https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-350-79119_79147_81580-466423---,00.html.