

# HOUSE BILL NO. 6462

October 11, 2022, Introduced by Rep. Filler and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled  
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"  
by amending section 43525c (MCL 324.43525c), as amended by 2021 PA  
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## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 43525c. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section,  
2       an individual 18 years of age or older shall not hunt pheasants  
3       without a current annual pheasant ~~hunting license~~ **and grassland**  
4       **restoration stamp** issued by this state. The annual pheasant ~~hunting~~  
5       ~~license~~ **and grassland restoration stamp** requirement is in addition

1 to the requirements for a base license. The fee for the pheasant  
2 ~~hunting license~~ **and grassland restoration stamp** is \$25.00. The  
3 following individuals are not required to obtain an annual pheasant  
4 ~~hunting license~~ **and grassland restoration stamp** under this section:

5 (a) An individual only hunting pheasants at a game bird  
6 hunting preserve licensed under part 417.

7 (b) An individual hunting pheasants on private land, except  
8 for individuals hunting on land enrolled in the hunting access  
9 program.

10 (c) An individual hunting pheasants on public land in the  
11 Upper Peninsula.

12 (d) An individual who holds a lifetime small game license,  
13 lifetime sportsperson's license, or a comprehensive lifetime  
14 hunting and fishing license issued under section 44102.

15 (2) If issued as a stamp, a pheasant ~~hunting license~~ **and**  
16 **grassland restoration stamp** must be affixed to the base license of  
17 the individual and signed across the face of the stamp by the  
18 individual to whom it is issued.

19 (3) A collector may purchase a pheasant ~~hunting license~~ **and**  
20 **grassland restoration stamp**, if it is issued as a stamp, without  
21 being required to place it on a base license, sign across its face,  
22 or provide proof of competency under section 43520(2). However, a  
23 ~~license-stamp~~ described in this subsection is not valid for hunting  
24 pheasants.

25 (4) Except as provided in sections 43541 and 43555, the  
26 department shall deposit the fee collected for each pheasant  
27 ~~hunting license~~ **and grassland restoration stamp** in the pheasant  
28 subaccount of the game and fish protection account for the purposes  
29 stated in subsection (5).

(5) The pheasant subaccount is created in the game and fish protection account. The state treasurer may receive money or other assets from any source for deposit into the subaccount. The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the subaccount. The state treasurer shall credit to the subaccount interest and earnings from subaccount investments. Money in the subaccount at the close of the fiscal year remains in the subaccount and does not lapse to the game and fish protection account or the general fund. Money in the subaccount on January 1, 2026 is transferred to the game and fish protection account. The department is the administrator of the subaccount for auditing purposes. The department shall expend money from the subaccount, upon appropriation, ~~only for~~ **only as follows:**

**(a) Fifty percent for** costs associated with the purchase and release of live pheasants on state-owned land suitable for pheasants.

**(b) Fifty percent for the following:**

**(i) Restoration of grasslands and other pheasant habitat on state-owned lands suitable for pheasants and pheasant hunting.**

**(ii) Purchase of grasslands and other pheasant habitat suitable for pheasants and pheasant hunting.**

(6) This section is repealed effective January 1, 2026.