

# HOUSE BILL NO. 6229

December 04, 2024, Introduced by Reps. O'Neal, Pohutsky and Tsernoglou and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Environment, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 43509, 43520, 43522, 43523a, 43523b, 43524, 43525b, 43525c, 43527a, 43528, 43529, 43531, 43532, 43532a, 43533, 43535, 43536, and 43540 (MCL 324.43509, 324.43520, 324.43522, 324.43523a, 324.43523b, 324.43524, 324.43525b, 324.43525c, 324.43527a, 324.43528, 324.43529, 324.43531, 324.43532, 324.43532a, 324.43533, 324.43535, 324.43536, and 324.43540), section 43509 as amended by 2010 PA 29, section 43520 as amended by 2024 PA 96,

sections 43522 and 43540 as amended by 1996 PA 585, section 43523a as amended by 2018 PA 3, sections 43523b and 43527a as added and sections 43524, 43528, 43529, 43531, and 43535 as amended by 2013 PA 108, section 43525b as amended by 2016 PA 462, section 43525c as amended by 2021 PA 6, section 43532 as amended by 2020 PA 271, section 43532a as amended by 2020 PA 270, and sections 43533 and 43536 as amended by 2016 PA 463, and by adding sections 503d and 43555a.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           **Sec. 503d. (1) The department may charge a permit fee for the**  
 2 **use of a state-owned shooting range. The department shall deposit**  
 3 **the fee in the shooting and education fund created in subsection**  
 4 **(2).**

5           **(2) The shooting and education fund is created in the state**  
 6 **treasury.**

7           **(3) The state treasurer may receive money or other assets from**  
 8 **any source for deposit into the fund. The state treasurer shall**  
 9 **direct the investment of the fund. The state treasurer shall credit**  
 10 **to the fund interest and earnings from fund investments.**

11           **(4) Money in the fund at the close of the fiscal year remains**  
 12 **in the fund and does not lapse to the general fund.**

13           **(5) The department is the administrator of the fund for**  
 14 **auditing purposes.**

15           **(6) The department shall expend money from the fund, on**  
 16 **appropriation, for the operation and maintenance of state-owned**  
 17 **shooting ranges and the administration of shooting education**  
 18 **programs.**

19           **(7) As used in this section, "fund" means the shooting and**  
 20 **education fund created in subsection (2).**

1           Sec. 43509. (1) ~~A person~~ **17** ~~An individual~~ **16** years of age or  
2 older shall not take aquatic species, except aquatic insects, in or  
3 upon any waters over which this state has jurisdiction or in or  
4 upon any lands within the state, or possess aquatic species, except  
5 aquatic insects, without having in ~~his or her~~ **the individual's**  
6 possession a valid license as provided in this part.

7           (2) ~~A person~~ **An individual** shall not take or possess a wild  
8 animal without having in ~~his or her~~ **that individual's** possession a  
9 valid license as provided in this part.

10           Sec. 43520. (1) Subject to other requirements of this part,  
11 the department may issue a hunting license to an adult who has a  
12 developmental disability, has a guardian appointed under chapter 6  
13 of the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1600 to 330.1644,  
14 and is unable to obtain certification of completion of training in  
15 hunter safety, or to a minor child if all of the following  
16 requirements are met:

17           (a) A parent or guardian of the individual applies for the  
18 license on behalf of the individual.

19           (b) The parent or guardian represents that the requirements of  
20 section 43517, as applicable, will be complied with.

21           (c) The license fee is paid.

22           (2) An individual born after January 1, 1960 shall not  
23 purchase or attempt to purchase a hunting license, unless the  
24 individual presents proof of previous hunting experience in the  
25 form of a hunting license issued by this state, another state, a  
26 province of Canada, or another country or presents a certification  
27 of completion of training in hunter safety issued to the individual  
28 by this state, another state, a province of Canada, or another  
29 country. If an applicant for a hunting license does not have proof

1 of such a previous license or a certification of completion of  
2 training in hunter safety, a person authorized to sell hunting  
3 licenses may issue a hunting license if the applicant submits a  
4 signed affidavit stating that the applicant has completed a course  
5 in hunter safety or that the applicant possessed such a hunting  
6 license previously. The person selling a hunting license shall  
7 record as specified by the department the form of proof of the  
8 previous hunting experience or certification of completion of  
9 hunter safety training presented by the applicant. This subsection  
10 does not apply to the issuance of an apprentice license or mentored  
11 hunting license. An apprentice license, mentored hunting license,  
12 or the equivalent does not satisfy the requirements of this  
13 subsection concerning proof of previous hunting experience.

14 (3) An individual who does not meet the requirements of  
15 subsection (2) may obtain an apprentice license for the same price  
16 as the corresponding regular license that the individual would  
17 otherwise be qualified to obtain. An individual 17 years old or  
18 older shall not hunt game under an apprentice license unless  
19 another individual at least 21 years old who possesses a license,  
20 other than an apprentice license, to hunt that game accompanies  
21 that apprentice licensee and does not accompany more than 1 other  
22 apprentice licensee. For the purposes of this subsection and  
23 section 43517(1)(b), an individual shall not go along with more  
24 than 2 apprentice licensees of any age for the purpose of  
25 accompanying those apprentice licensees while those apprentice  
26 licensees are hunting. If an individual has represented to an  
27 apprentice licensee or, if the apprentice licensee is a minor  
28 child, to the apprentice licensee's parent or guardian that the  
29 individual would accompany the apprentice licensee for the purposes

1 of this subsection, the individual shall not go along with the  
2 apprentice licensee while the apprentice licensee is hunting unless  
3 the individual actually accompanies the apprentice licensee and  
4 possesses a license, other than an apprentice license, to hunt the  
5 same game as the apprentice licensee. An individual is not eligible  
6 to obtain a specific type of apprentice license, such as a deer  
7 license, a base license, or a turkey license, for more than 2  
8 license years. An apprentice license must be distinguished from a  
9 license other than an apprentice license by a notation or other  
10 means.

11 (4) Only a minor who is less than 10 years old, a minor child  
12 with a developmental disability, or an adult who has a  
13 developmental disability and a guardian appointed under chapter 6  
14 of the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1600 to 330.1644,  
15 may obtain a mentored hunting license. A minor who is less than 10  
16 years old, a minor child with a developmental disability, or an  
17 adult who has a developmental disability and a guardian appointed  
18 under chapter 6 of the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL  
19 330.1600 to 330.1644, shall not hunt game under a mentored hunting  
20 license unless that individual complies with all requirements of  
21 the mentored hunting program established by the commission under  
22 section 43517.

23 (5) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the fee  
24 for a mentored hunting license is ~~\$7.50.~~ **\$11.00**. A mentored hunting  
25 license is free for an individual with a developmental disability.  
26 A mentored hunting license includes all of the privileges conferred  
27 by all of the following:

- 28 (a) Base license.  
29 (b) Deer license.

1 (c) All-species fishing license.

2 (d) Spring wild turkey hunting license and fall wild turkey  
3 hunting license.

4 (e) Fur harvester's license.

5 (6) An individual who purchases a mentored hunting license may  
6 apply for or purchase additional licenses pursuant to current  
7 regulations, including, but not limited to, all of the following:

8 (a) Antlerless deer licenses under section 43527a.

9 (b) A bear hunting license under section 43528.

10 (c) An elk hunting license under section 43529.

11 (7) An individual hunting with a license purchased under  
12 subsection (6) must comply with all requirements of the mentored  
13 hunting program established by the commission under section 43517.

14 (8) By September 1, 2023 and every 4 years after that date,  
15 the department shall submit a report to the standing committees of  
16 the senate and house of representatives with primary responsibility  
17 for conservation and outdoor recreation issues evaluating whether  
18 the fee revenue received by the department from mentored hunting  
19 licenses under subsection (5) is adequate to administer the  
20 mentored hunting program.

21 (9) As used in this section, "developmental disability" means  
22 that term as defined in section 100a of the mental health code,  
23 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1100a.

24 Sec. 43522. If ~~a person~~**an individual** applying for a license  
25 or permit under this part does not possess a Michigan driver  
26 license or other identification, the department shall issue a  
27 sportcard. A person authorized by the department to issue licenses  
28 shall charge a ~~\$1.00~~**\$2.00** fee for each sportcard that ~~he or she~~  
29 **the person** issues. The authorized person shall forward the required

1 form and the fee collected ~~pursuant to~~ **under** this section to the  
2 department. The department shall issue a license and a sportcard  
3 provided for in this part if the applicant satisfies the license  
4 requirements and pays the license fees.

5 Sec. 43523a. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this part, an  
6 individual shall not hunt small game, unless the individual  
7 possesses a current base license. A base license authorizes the  
8 individual named in the license to hunt for small game, except for  
9 animals or birds that require a special license.

10 (2) If authorized in an order issued under part 401, an  
11 individual who possesses a current base license may take specified  
12 fur-bearing animals by means other than trapping during the open  
13 season for hunting these fur-bearing animals. However, an  
14 individual who goes on a bobcat hunt with a licensed hunter is not  
15 required to possess a base license if the individual does not carry  
16 a firearm, bow, or crossbow and does not own dogs used to chase or  
17 locate a bobcat during the hunt.

18 (3) The fee for a base license is as follows:

19 (a) Subject to subdivision (b), for a resident, ~~\$10.00.~~ **\$15.00.**

20 (b) For a resident minor child or nonresident minor child,  
21 ~~\$5.00.~~ **\$8.00.**

22 (c) Subject to subdivision (b), for a nonresident, ~~\$150.00.~~  
23 **\$163.00.**

24 (4) A base license is void between the hours of 1/2 hour after  
25 sunset and 1/2 hour before sunrise with the exception of coyote  
26 hunting.

27 (5) A nonresident may purchase a limited nonresident small  
28 game license entitling that individual to hunt for a 7-day period  
29 all species of small game that are available to hunt under a

1 nonresident base license. The fee for a 7-day limited nonresident  
2 small game license is ~~\$80.00.~~ **\$120.00**. Except for the purchase of a  
3 waterfowl hunting license under section 43525b, the purchase of a  
4 7-day limited nonresident small game license does not entitle the  
5 holder to purchase any additional licenses.

6 (6) ~~Beginning March 1, 2018, a~~ **A** nonresident may purchase a 3-  
7 day limited nonresident small game license entitling that  
8 individual to hunt for a 3-day period all species of small game  
9 that are available to hunt under a nonresident base license. The  
10 fee for a 3-day limited nonresident small game license is  
11 ~~\$50.00.~~ **\$75.00**. Except for the purchase of a waterfowl hunting  
12 license issued under section 43525b, the purchase of a 3-day  
13 limited nonresident small game license does not entitle the holder  
14 to purchase any additional licenses.

15 (7) ~~Not later than March 1, 2018, the~~ **The** department shall  
16 develop an electronic license that allows an individual to display  
17 an electronic copy of ~~his or her~~ **the individual's** base license  
18 using an electronic device.

19 (8) **For each license year, the state treasurer shall adjust**  
20 **the amounts set forth in this section by an amount determined by**  
21 **the state treasurer to reflect the cumulative percentage change in**  
22 **the Consumer Price Index from December 1, 2024 to the December 1**  
23 **immediately preceding that license year, using the most recent data**  
24 **available and rounded to the nearest dollar.**

25 Sec. 43523b. (1) ~~Beginning March 1, 2014, the~~ **The** fee for a  
26 resident combination hunt and fish license is ~~\$75.00~~ **\$113.00** and  
27 ~~shall include~~ **includes** all of the privileges conferred by all of  
28 the following:

29 (a) Resident base license.



1 (b) Two deer licenses.

2 (c) All-species fishing license.

3 (2) ~~Beginning March 1, 2014, the~~ **The** fee for a nonresident  
4 combination hunt and fish license is ~~\$265.00~~ **\$273.00** and shall  
5 ~~include~~ **includes** all of the privileges conferred by all of the  
6 following:

7 (a) Nonresident base license.

8 (b) Two deer licenses.

9 (c) All-species fishing license.

10 **(3) For each license year, the state treasurer shall adjust**  
11 **the amounts set forth in this section by an amount determined by**  
12 **the state treasurer to reflect the cumulative percentage change in**  
13 **the Consumer Price Index from December 1, 2024 to the December 1**  
14 **immediately preceding that license year, using the most recent data**  
15 **available and rounded to the nearest dollar.**

16 Sec. 43524. (1) An individual shall not hunt wild turkey  
17 without a wild turkey hunting license. ~~The fee for a resident wild~~  
18 ~~turkey hunting license is \$15.00. The fee for a nonresident wild~~  
19 ~~turkey hunting license is \$69.00.~~ Subject to the requirements of  
20 section 40113a, the commission may issue an order requiring that  
21 all applications for wild turkey hunting licenses, or applications  
22 for wild turkey hunting licenses for certain geographic areas, be  
23 entered into a lottery designed and run by the department. An  
24 individual selected in a lottery, upon meeting the requirements of  
25 this part, is authorized to purchase a wild turkey hunting license.  
26 The license shall be issued for a specified hunting period and  
27 confers upon the holder of the license the right to hunt wild  
28 turkeys.

29 ~~(2) The department may charge a nonrefundable application fee~~

1 ~~not to exceed \$4.00 for each application for a wild turkey hunting~~  
2 ~~license that is entered into a lottery under subsection (1).~~

3 ~~(3) From fees collected under subsection (1) or (2), the~~  
4 ~~following amounts shall be used for scientific research, biological~~  
5 ~~survey work on wild turkeys, creation and management of wild turkey~~  
6 ~~habitat on state land, national forestland, and private land,~~  
7 ~~annual wild turkey hunter surveys, disease testing for wild turkeys~~  
8 ~~suspected of having a disease and voluntarily submitted to the~~  
9 ~~department of natural resources, and other wild turkey management~~  
10 ~~in this state:~~

11	<del>(a) Resident wild turkey hunting license.....</del>	<del>\$</del>	<del>9.50</del>
12	<del>(b) Nonresident wild turkey hunting license.....</del>	<del>\$</del>	<del>50.00</del>
13	<del>(c) Senior wild turkey hunting license.....</del>	<del>\$</del>	<del>1.00</del>
14	<del>(d) Wild turkey hunting application.....</del>	<del>amount of</del>	
15		<del>application fee, if any,</del>	
16		<del>but not more than \$ 3.00.</del>	

17 ~~(2) (4)~~The department shall, to the extent possible, use the  
18 money from subsection ~~(3)~~ **(5)** to create and manage wild turkey  
19 habitat on state forestland, state game areas, national forestland,  
20 and private land, where appropriate. The department shall, before  
21 January 1 of each year, provide to the standing committees in the  
22 senate and house of representatives that primarily consider issues  
23 relating to natural resources a report detailing the expenditures  
24 for the prior year under subsection ~~(3)~~ **(5)** .

25 ~~(3) (5) Beginning March 1, 2014, only an individual holding a~~  
26 ~~valid base license is eligible to purchase a wild turkey hunting~~  
27 ~~license, pursuant to current regulations. The fee for a wild turkey~~  
28 ~~hunting license is \$15.00. **\$23.00.**~~

29 ~~(4) (6) Beginning March 1, 2014, the~~ **The** department may charge

1 a nonrefundable application fee not to exceed ~~\$5.00~~ **\$8.00** for each  
2 application for a wild turkey hunting license that is entered into  
3 a lottery under subsection (1).

4 ~~(5) (7) Beginning March 1, 2014, from~~ **From** fees collected  
5 under subsection ~~(5) or (6),~~ **(3) or (4)**, the following amounts  
6 ~~shall~~ **must** be used for scientific research, biological survey work  
7 on wild turkeys, creation and management of wild turkey habitat on  
8 state land, national forestland, and private land, annual wild  
9 turkey hunter surveys, disease testing for wild turkeys suspected  
10 of having a disease and voluntarily submitted to the department of  
11 natural resources, and other wild turkey management in this state:

- 12 (a) Wild turkey hunting license..... ~~\$9.50~~ **14.00**
- 13 (b) Senior wild turkey hunting license..... ~~\$ 1.00~~ **2.00**
- 14 (c) Wild turkey hunting application..... amount of  
15 application fee, if any,  
16 but not more than \$  
17 ~~3.00~~ **5.00**

18 **(6) For each license year, the state treasurer shall adjust**  
19 **the amounts set forth in this section by an amount determined by**  
20 **the state treasurer to reflect the cumulative percentage change in**  
21 **the Consumer Price Index from December 1, 2024 to the December 1**  
22 **immediately preceding that license year, using the most recent data**  
23 **available and rounded to the nearest dollar.**

24 Sec. 43525b. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this part, an  
25 individual 16 years of age or older shall not hunt waterfowl  
26 without a current waterfowl hunting license issued by this state.  
27 The annual license requirement is in addition to the requirements  
28 for a base license and federal migratory bird hunting stamp. The  
29 fee for the waterfowl hunting license is ~~\$12.00~~ **\$18.00**.

1           (2) If issued as a stamp, a waterfowl hunting license ~~shall~~  
2 **must** be affixed to the base license of the individual and signed  
3 across the face of the stamp by the individual to whom it is  
4 issued.

5           (3) A collector may purchase a waterfowl hunting license, if  
6 it is issued as a stamp, without being required to place it on a  
7 base license, sign across its face, or provide proof of competency  
8 under section 43520(2). However, a license described in this  
9 subsection is not valid for hunting waterfowl.

10           (4) From the fee collected for each waterfowl hunting license,  
11 the department shall use the following amounts:

12           (a) ~~\$9.00 shall~~ **\$14.00 must** be used to acquire, restore, or  
13 enhance wetlands and other lands to be managed for the benefit of  
14 waterfowl. Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, not  
15 more than 0.25% of the money under this subdivision ~~shall~~ **must** be  
16 used to acquire lands. However, if all of the money appropriated  
17 from the natural resources trust fund for eco-region acquisition  
18 carried over from previous fiscal years is spent, then the 0.25%  
19 limitation under this subdivision does not apply. The department  
20 shall not acquire land under this subdivision until that  
21 acquisition is approved by the joint capital outlay subcommittee.

22           (b) ~~\$1.93 shall~~ **\$3.00 must** be used to operate, maintain, and  
23 develop managed waterfowl areas in this state.

24           (c) The remaining amount ~~shall~~ **must** be retained under section  
25 43541 or used for administration of this part.

26           (5) ~~Not later than March 1, 2018, the~~ **The** department shall  
27 develop an electronic license that allows an individual to display  
28 an electronic copy of ~~his or her~~ **the individual's** Michigan  
29 waterfowl hunting license using an electronic device.

1           (6) For each license year, the state treasurer shall adjust  
 2 the amounts set forth in this section by an amount determined by  
 3 the state treasurer to reflect the cumulative percentage change in  
 4 the Consumer Price Index from December 1, 2024 to the December 1  
 5 immediately preceding that license year, using the most recent data  
 6 available and rounded to the nearest dollar.

7           Sec. 43525c. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section,  
 8 an individual 18 years of age or older shall not hunt pheasants  
 9 without a current annual pheasant hunting license issued by this  
 10 state. The annual pheasant hunting license requirement is in  
 11 addition to the requirements for a base license. The fee for the  
 12 pheasant hunting license is ~~\$25.00.~~ **\$38.00.** The following  
 13 individuals are not required to obtain an annual pheasant hunting  
 14 license under this section:

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

17           (b) An individual hunting pheasants on private land, except  
 18 for individuals hunting on land enrolled in the hunting access  
 19 program.

20           (c) An individual hunting pheasants on public land in the  
 21 Upper Peninsula.

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

25           (2) If issued as a stamp, a pheasant hunting license must be  
 26 affixed to the base license of the individual and signed across the  
 27 face of the stamp by the individual to whom it is issued.

28           (3) A collector may purchase a pheasant hunting license, if it  
 29 is issued as a stamp, without being required to place it on a base

1 license, sign across its face, or provide proof of competency under  
 2 section 43520(2). However, a license described in this subsection  
 3 is not valid for hunting pheasants.

4 (4) Except as provided in sections 43541 and 43555, the  
 5 department shall deposit the fee collected for each pheasant  
 6 hunting license in the pheasant subaccount of the game and fish  
 7 protection account for the purposes stated in subsection (5).

8 (5) The pheasant subaccount is created in the game and fish  
 9 protection account. The state treasurer may receive money or other  
 10 assets from any source for deposit into the subaccount. The state  
 11 treasurer shall direct the investment of the subaccount. The state  
 12 treasurer shall credit to the subaccount interest and earnings from  
 13 subaccount investments. Money in the subaccount at the close of the  
 14 fiscal year remains in the subaccount and does not lapse to the  
 15 game and fish protection account or the general fund. Money in the  
 16 subaccount on January 1, 2026 is transferred to the game and fish  
 17 protection account. The department is the administrator of the  
 18 subaccount for auditing purposes. The department shall expend money  
 19 from the subaccount, upon appropriation, only for costs associated  
 20 with the purchase and release of live pheasants on state-owned land  
 21 suitable for pheasants.

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

23 Sec. 43527a. (1) ~~Beginning March 1, 2014, only~~ **Only** an  
 24 individual holding a valid base license is eligible to purchase a  
 25 deer license or an antlerless deer license, ~~pursuant to~~ **in**  
 26 **accordance with** current regulations. The fee for a deer license or  
 27 an antlerless deer license is ~~\$20.00.~~ **\$30.00.**

28 (2) ~~Beginning March 1, 2014, the~~ **The** department shall charge a  
 29 nonrefundable application fee not to exceed ~~\$5.00~~ **\$8.00** for each

1 individual who applies for an antlerless deer license.

2 (3) The department may issue a kill tag with or as part of  
3 each deer license. The kill tag shall bear the license number. The  
4 kill tag may also include space for other pertinent information  
5 required by the department. The kill tag, if issued, is part of the  
6 license.

7 (4) Where authorized by the department, a resident may  
8 purchase a second deer license for the fee assessed under this  
9 subsection for the deer license for which that individual is  
10 eligible. However, a senior license discount is not available for  
11 the purchase of a second deer license. Where authorized by the  
12 department, a nonresident may purchase an additional deer license  
13 or antlerless deer license under this section for ~~\$170.00.~~ **\$195.00.**  
14 The department may issue orders under part 401 designating the kind  
15 of deer that may be taken and the geographic area in which any  
16 license issued under this section is valid, when advisable in  
17 managing deer.

18 **(5) For each license year, the state treasurer shall adjust**  
19 **the amounts set forth in this section by an amount determined by**  
20 **the state treasurer to reflect the cumulative percentage change in**  
21 **the Consumer Price Index from December 1, 2024 to the December 1**  
22 **immediately preceding that license year, using the most recent data**  
23 **available and rounded to the nearest dollar.**

24 Sec. 43528. (1) An individual shall not hunt bear unless the  
25 individual possesses a bear hunting license. However, an individual  
26 who goes on a bear hunt with a licensed hunter is not required to  
27 possess a bear hunting license if the individual does not carry a  
28 firearm, bow, or crossbow and does not own dogs used to chase or  
29 locate bear during the hunt. ~~Beginning March 1, 2014, only~~ **Only** an

1 individual holding a valid base license is eligible to purchase a  
 2 bear hunting license, pursuant to current regulations.

3 ~~(2) The fee for a resident bear hunting license is \$15.00. The~~  
 4 ~~fee for a nonresident bear hunting license is \$150.00. Beginning~~  
 5 ~~March 1, 2014, the~~ **The** fee for a bear hunting license is  
 6 ~~\$25.00.~~ **\$38.00.**

7 (3) The department may issue a kill tag with, or as a part of,  
 8 a bear hunting license. The kill tag shall bear the license number.  
 9 The kill tag may also include space for other pertinent information  
 10 required by the department. The kill tag, if issued, is part of the  
 11 license.

12 ~~(4) In addition to the license fees in subsection (2), the~~  
 13 ~~department shall charge a nonrefundable application fee not to~~  
 14 ~~exceed \$4.00 for each individual who applies for a bear hunting~~  
 15 ~~license. Beginning March 1, 2014, in~~ **In** addition to the license  
 16 fees in subsection (2), the department shall charge a nonrefundable  
 17 application fee not to exceed ~~\$5.00~~ **\$8.00** for each individual who  
 18 applies for a bear hunting license.

19 ~~(5) Beginning March 1, 2014, the~~ **The** following individuals  
 20 chasing or locating bear with dogs during the open season for that  
 21 game and who hold a valid base license are eligible for the  
 22 purchase of a bear participation license for a fee of ~~\$15.00:~~  
 23 **\$23.00:**

24 (a) Any individual possessing a firearm, crossbow, or bow and  
 25 arrow.

26 (b) The owner, when present, of any dog chasing or locating  
 27 bear.

28 **(6) For each license year, the state treasurer shall adjust**  
 29 **the amounts set forth in this section by an amount determined by**



1 the state treasurer to reflect the cumulative percentage change in  
 2 the Consumer Price Index from December 1, 2024 to the December 1  
 3 immediately preceding that license year, using the most recent data  
 4 available and rounded to the nearest dollar.

5 Sec. 43529. (1) A resident shall not hunt elk during the elk  
 6 season without an elk hunting license. ~~Beginning March 1, 2014,~~  
 7 ~~only~~ **Only** a resident holding a valid base license is eligible to  
 8 purchase an elk hunting license, ~~pursuant to~~ **in accordance with**  
 9 current regulations. The fee for an elk hunting license is ~~\$100.00.~~  
 10 **\$150.00.** ~~The department may establish a nonrefundable application~~  
 11 ~~fee not to exceed \$4.00 for each individual who applies for an elk~~  
 12 ~~hunting license. Beginning March 1, 2014, the~~ **The** department may  
 13 establish a nonrefundable application fee not to exceed ~~\$5.00~~ **\$8.00**  
 14 for each individual who applies for an elk hunting license.

15 (2) The department may issue a kill tag with, or as a part of,  
 16 an elk hunting license. The kill tag shall bear the license number.  
 17 The kill tag may also include space for other pertinent information  
 18 required by the department. The kill tag, if issued, is part of the  
 19 license.

20 (3) **For each license year, the state treasurer shall adjust**  
 21 **the amounts set forth in this section by an amount determined by**  
 22 **the state treasurer to reflect the cumulative percentage change in**  
 23 **the Consumer Price Index from December 1, 2024 to the December 1**  
 24 **immediately preceding that license year, using the most recent data**  
 25 **available and rounded to the nearest dollar.**

26 Sec. 43531. (1) Except as otherwise provided in section  
 27 43523(2) or section 43523a(2), an individual shall not trap or hunt  
 28 fur-bearing animals unless the individual possesses a fur  
 29 harvester's license. However, an individual who goes on a bobcat

1 hunt with a licensed hunter is not required to possess a fur  
 2 harvester's license if the individual does not carry a firearm,  
 3 bow, or crossbow and does not own dogs used to chase or locate a  
 4 bobcat during the hunt.

5 ~~(2) The fee for a resident fur harvester's license is \$15.00.~~  
 6 ~~The fee for a fur harvester's license for a resident or nonresident~~  
 7 ~~minor child 10 years old or older shall be discounted 50% from the~~  
 8 ~~cost of the resident fur harvester's license.~~

9 ~~(3) Until March 1, 2014, the department may issue a~~  
 10 ~~nonresident fur harvester's license to a nonresident of this state~~  
 11 ~~if the state, province, or country in which the nonresident~~  
 12 ~~applicant resides allows residents of this state to obtain~~  
 13 ~~equivalent hunting and trapping privileges in that state, province,~~  
 14 ~~or country. The fee for an eligible nonresident fur harvester's~~  
 15 ~~license is \$150.00. Nonresident fur harvester's licenses shall not~~  
 16 ~~be sold or purchased before November 15 of each year.~~

17 (2) ~~(4)~~ An individual who holds a fur harvester's license may  
 18 hunt fur-bearing animals during the season open to taking fur-  
 19 bearing animals with firearms and may trap fur-bearing animals  
 20 during the season open to trapping fur-bearing animals.

21 (3) ~~(5) Beginning March 1, 2014, only~~ **Only** an individual  
 22 holding a valid base license is eligible to purchase a fur  
 23 harvester's license, ~~pursuant to~~ **in accordance with** current  
 24 regulations. The fee for a fur harvester's license is ~~\$15.00.~~  
 25 **\$23.00.**

26 (4) ~~(6) Beginning March 1, 2014, for~~ **For** a nonresident holding  
 27 a valid base license and a valid fur harvester's license, the fur  
 28 harvester's license is not valid for fur-bearing species for which  
 29 a bag limit has been established.

1           (5) For each license year, the state treasurer shall adjust  
 2 the amounts set forth in this section by an amount determined by  
 3 the state treasurer to reflect the cumulative percentage change in  
 4 the Consumer Price Index from December 1, 2024 to the December 1  
 5 immediately preceding that license year, using the most recent data  
 6 available and rounded to the nearest dollar.

7           Sec. 43532. (1) An all-species fishing license entitles the  
 8 licensee to take and possess all aquatic species as prescribed by  
 9 law.

10           (2) An individual ~~17-16~~ years of age or older shall not take  
 11 or possess an aquatic species, except aquatic insects, in the  
 12 waters over which this state has jurisdiction without an all-  
 13 species fishing license. Except as otherwise provided in this  
 14 subsection, the fee for a resident all-species fishing license is  
 15 ~~\$25.00.~~ **\$38.00.** Except as otherwise provided in this subsection,  
 16 the fee for a nonresident all-species fishing license is ~~\$75.00.~~  
 17 **\$88.00.** An individual under ~~17-16~~ years of age may take and possess  
 18 aquatic species in the waters over which this state has  
 19 jurisdiction without an all-species fishing license. However, an  
 20 individual under ~~17-16~~ years of age may obtain an all-species  
 21 fishing license. The fee for a resident or nonresident who is under  
 22 ~~17-16~~ years of age for an all-species fishing license is \$2.00.

23           (3) The department shall develop an electronic license that  
 24 allows an individual to display an electronic copy of ~~his or her~~  
 25 **the individual's** all-species fishing license using an electronic  
 26 device.

27           (4) For each license year, the state treasurer shall adjust  
 28 the amounts set forth in this section by an amount determined by  
 29 the state treasurer to reflect the cumulative percentage change in

1 the Consumer Price Index from December 1, 2024 to the December 1  
 2 immediately preceding that license year, using the most recent data  
 3 available and rounded to the nearest dollar.

4 Sec. 43532a. (1) The department shall charge an additional  
 5 ~~\$1.00~~**\$2.00** for each of the following licenses:

6 (a) A base license issued under sections 43523a(3) and  
 7 43535(2).

8 (b) A combination hunt and fish license issued under section  
 9 43523b.

10 (c) Except for those licenses purchased by individuals under  
 11 17 years of age, an all-species fishing license issued under  
 12 sections 43532(2) and 43536(1).

13 (2) The department shall deposit money generated under this  
 14 section in the Michigan wildlife management public education  
 15 subaccount created in section 43532b.

16 Sec. 43533. (1) A resident ~~or nonresident~~ may purchase a 24-  
 17 hour fishing license entitling that individual to take, for a  
 18 designated 24-hour period, and possess all aquatic species as  
 19 prescribed by law. The fee for a **resident** 24-hour fishing license  
 20 is ~~\$10.00~~**\$15.00** per designated consecutive 24-hour period.

21 (2) A ~~resident or nonresident~~ may purchase a 72-hour fishing  
 22 license entitling that individual to take, for a designated 72-hour  
 23 period, and possess all aquatic species as prescribed by law. The  
 24 fee for a **nonresident** 72-hour fishing license is ~~\$30.00~~**\$60.00** per  
 25 designated consecutive 72-hour period.

26 (3) **A nonresident may purchase a 24-hour fishing license**  
 27 **entitling that individual to take, for a designated 24-hour period,**  
 28 **and possess all aquatic species as prescribed by law. The fee for a**  
 29 **nonresident 24-hour fishing license is \$20.00 per designated**

1 **consecutive 24-hour period.**

2 (4) ~~(3) Not later than March 1, 2018, the~~ **The** department shall  
3 develop an electronic license that allows an individual to display  
4 an electronic copy of ~~his or her~~ **the individual's** 24-hour or 72-  
5 hour fishing license using an electronic device.

6 (5) **For each license year, the state treasurer shall adjust**  
7 **the amounts set forth in this section by an amount determined by**  
8 **the state treasurer to reflect the cumulative percentage change in**  
9 **the Consumer Price Index from December 1, 2024 to the December 1**  
10 **immediately preceding that license year, using the most recent data**  
11 **available and rounded to the nearest dollar.**

12 Sec. 43535. ~~(1) Until March 1, 2014, a resident of this state~~  
13 ~~who is 65 years of age or older may obtain a senior small game~~  
14 ~~license, a senior firearm deer license, a senior bow and arrow deer~~  
15 ~~license, a senior bear hunting license, a senior wild turkey~~  
16 ~~hunting license, or a senior fur harvester's license. The fee for~~  
17 ~~each senior license shall be discounted 60% from the fee for the~~  
18 ~~resident license.~~

19 ~~(2) Beginning March 1, 2014, a~~ **A** resident of this state who is  
20 65 years of age or older may obtain a senior base license, a senior  
21 deer license, a senior wild turkey hunting license, or a senior fur  
22 harvester's license. The fee for each senior license shall be  
23 discounted ~~60%~~ **25%** from the fee for the resident license.

24 Sec. 43536. (1) A resident of this state who is 65 years of  
25 age or older may obtain a senior all-species fishing license. The  
26 fee for a senior all-species fishing license is discounted ~~60%~~ **25%**  
27 from the fee for a resident all-species fishing license.

28 (2) ~~Not later than March 1, 2018, the~~ **The** department shall  
29 develop an electronic license that allows an individual to display

1 an electronic copy of ~~his or her~~ **the individual's** senior all-  
 2 species fishing license using an electronic device.

3 Sec. 43540. (1) An application for 1 or more licenses issued  
 4 under this part may be made by mail, ~~on-line~~ **online** computer  
 5 service, or telephone to the department, or to a person designated  
 6 by the department, who shall forward the license issued to the  
 7 applicant to an address as directed by the applicant. An applicant  
 8 shall satisfy all the requirements of this part for obtaining a  
 9 license before a license is issued by mail or telephone.

10 (2) The department may charge a fee for an application made by  
 11 mail, ~~on-line~~ **online** computer service, or telephone in addition to  
 12 the fee for the license or licenses. Total fees collected by the  
 13 department under this subsection in any license year shall not  
 14 exceed the additional cost of providing mail or telephone service  
 15 in that year.

16 (3) **The department may charge a license or permit purchaser**  
 17 **for any credit card or commission fees incurred in the transaction.**

18 (4) ~~(2)~~ If a check or draft of a required fee is not paid on  
 19 its first presentation, the fee is delinquent as of the date the  
 20 check or draft was tendered. The ~~person~~ **individual** tendering the  
 21 check or draft remains liable for the payment of each fee and any  
 22 penalty.

23 (5) ~~(3)~~ The department may revoke a license, duplicate  
 24 license, application, or permit if the department has determined  
 25 that a fee prescribed in this part has not been paid and remains  
 26 unpaid after reasonable notice or demand.

27 (6) ~~(4)~~ If a fee is still delinquent 15 days after the  
 28 department has given notice to ~~a person~~ **an individual** who tendered  
 29 the check or draft, the department shall assess and collect a

1 \$15.00 penalty in addition to the license and transaction fee.

2 (7) ~~(5)~~—The director may refuse to issue additional licenses  
3 under this part to ~~a person~~**an individual** who is delinquent in  
4 payment of fees or penalties provided in subsection ~~(4)~~**(5)** at the  
5 time the application is submitted.

6 **Sec. 43555a. (1) When an individual applies for a license**  
7 **under this part, the department or the department's agent shall ask**  
8 **if the individual would like to contribute \$25.00 or more to the**  
9 **conservation maintenance subaccount created in subsection (4) and,**  
10 **if so, shall collect the contribution with the license fee.**

11 (2) A contribution under subsection (1) is in addition to the  
12 license fee.

13 (3) The department shall transfer contributions under  
14 subsection (1) to the state treasurer for deposit in the  
15 conservation maintenance subaccount created in subsection (4).

16 (4) The conservation maintenance subaccount is created in the  
17 game and fish protection account.

18 (5) The state treasurer may receive money or other assets from  
19 any source for deposit into the subaccount. The state treasurer  
20 shall direct the investment of the subaccount. The state treasurer  
21 shall credit to the fund interest and earnings from subaccount  
22 investments.

23 (6) Money in the subaccount at the close of the fiscal year  
24 remains in the subaccount and does not lapse to the game and fish  
25 protection account or the general fund.

26 (7) The department is the administrator of the subaccount for  
27 auditing purposes. The department shall expend money from the  
28 subaccount, upon appropriation, for costs associated with the  
29 maintenance and operation of conservation projects and associated

**1 infrastructure.**