

# HOUSE BILL No. 4215

February 16, 1988, Introduced by Reps. Bartnik, DeMars, Watkins, Pridnia, Stacey, Martin, Hoekman, Hertel, Spaniola, Owen, Allen, Niederstadt, Weeks, Rocca, Hart, DeBeaussaert, Hickner, Runco, Joe Young, Jr., Profit, Hoffman, Trim, Nye, Varga, Maynard, Gagliardi, Perry Bullard, Scott, Dunaskiss and Honigman and referred to the Committee on Tourism, Fisheries and Wildlife.

A bill to amend Act No. 244 of the Public Acts of 1986,  
entitled  
"Charter and livery boat safety act,"  
being sections 281.571 to 281.595 of the Michigan Compiled Laws,  
by adding section 8a.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Section 1. Act No. 244 of the Public Acts of 1986, being  
2 sections 281.571 to 281.595 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is  
3 amended by adding section 8a to read as follows:

4       SEC. 8A. (1) THE DEPARTMENT MAY CONDUCT RESEARCH INTO THE  
5 AVAILABILITY OF FISH IN THE WATERS OF THIS STATE THAT ARE UTI-  
6 LIZED BY CHARTER BOATS.

7       (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL FORM A CATCH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE  
8 THAT IS COMPOSED OF 2 INDIVIDUALS FROM THE DEPARTMENT AND 2

1 REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MICHIGAN CHARTER BOAT ASSOCIATION. THE  
2 CATCH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE SHALL DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

3 (A) DEVELOP A FORM THAT PERTAINS TO THE NUMBER, TYPE, AND  
4 LOCATION OF FISH TAKEN FROM CHARTER BOATS IN THIS STATE.

5 (B) PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH REGARDING INFORMATION CONTAINED  
6 IN THE CATCH ACTIVITY FORMS.

7 (3) THE CATCH ACTIVITY FORM DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (2)  
8 SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE BY THE DEPARTMENT TO ALL CHARTER BOAT  
9 OPERATORS IN THIS STATE.

10 (4) FOLLOWING THE AVAILABILITY AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE CATCH  
11 ACTIVITY FORM, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE THE FORM TO BE COM-  
12 PLETED AND RETURNED TO THE DEPARTMENT PRIOR TO ISSUING A CERTIFI-  
13 CATE OF INSPECTION. THE FORM THAT IS RETURNED TO THE DEPARTMENT  
14 SHALL NOT REQUIRE DISCLOSURE OF THE NAME OF THE CHARTER BOAT  
15 OPERATOR. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP A SYSTEM THAT INSURES  
16 THAT EACH CHARTER BOAT OPERATOR COMPLETES A CATCH ACTIVITY FORM  
17 BUT THAT PROTECTS THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE IDENTITY OF THE CON-  
18 TRIBUTING CHARTER BOAT OPERATOR.

19 (5) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL UTILIZE THE RETURNED CATCH ACTIVITY  
20 FORMS TO COMPILE A REPORT BASED ON THE REPORTED CATCH ACTIVITY.  
21 THE REPORT SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC BY THE  
22 DEPARTMENT. THE REPORT SHALL NOT DISCLOSE THE IDENTITY OF  
23 CHARTER BOAT OPERATORS WHO DISCLOSED SPECIFIC INFORMATION  
24 REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION.