

# HOUSE BILL NO. 4596

March 25, 2021, Introduced by Reps. Peterson, Rabhi, Liberati, Puri, Morse, Camilleri, Bolden, Sowerby, Cherry, Sneller, O'Neal, Brixie, Brabec, Clemente, Tyrone Carter, Hood, Aiyash, Markkanen, Breen, LaGrand, Stone, Pohutsky, Cavanagh, Kuppa, Garza, Scott, Lasinski, Anthony, Jones, Manoogian and Whitsett and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to designate the official native grain of this state.

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

1       Sec. 1. Manoomin (*Zizania palustris* and *Zizania aquatica*),  
2 also known as Michigan wild rice, is designated as the official  
3 native grain of this state. Let it be known that Manoomin is a  
4 sacred and important component to many wetlands, and has a cultural  
5 significance to many people of this state.