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**House Bill 4424 (as reported without amendment)****Sponsor: Representative Sharon L. Gire****House Committee: Judiciary****Senate Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs****Date Completed: 9-29-87*****RATIONALE***

The Department of Conservation became the Department of Natural Resources in 1968. Michigan statute, however, continues to contain obsolete references to the Department of Conservation. One such reference exists in Section 167a of the Michigan Penal Code, which provides for sanctions for hunting while intoxicated. It has been proposed that this archaic reference to the Department be replaced with the current, and correct one.

***CONTENT***

The bill would amend a section of the Michigan Penal Code that provides for the confiscation of weapons from intoxicated hunters, by removing language that makes reference to the Department of Conservation and replacing it with a reference to the Department of Natural Resources.

MCL 750.167a

***FISCAL IMPACT***

This bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

***ARGUMENTS******Supporting Argument***

The bill would update of a section of the Michigan Penal Code by replacing an obsolete reference to the Department of Conservation with a reference to the Department of Natural Resources. It would make no substantive change in the law.

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