



# SENATE BILL No. 1033

May 16, 1996, Introduced by Senators DUNASKISS, BENNETT and DINGELL and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs.

A bill to amend Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," as amended, being sections 324.101 to 324.90106 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, by adding section 40113a.

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

1 Section 1. Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, as  
2 amended, being sections 324.101 to 324.90106 of the Michigan  
3 Compiled Laws, is amended by adding section 40113a to read as  
4 follows:

5 SEC. 40113A. (1) THE LEGISLATURE FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

6 (A) THE FISH AND WILDLIFE OF THE STATE AND THEIR HABITAT ARE  
7 OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE TO THE CITIZENS OF THIS STATE.

1 (B) THE SOUND SCIENTIFIC MANAGEMENT OF THE FISH AND WILDLIFE  
2 POPULATIONS OF THE STATE, INCLUDING HUNTING AND FISHING, IS  
3 DECLARED TO BE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

4 (2) THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
5 SHALL HAVE THE EXCLUSIVE AUTHORITY TO REGULATE THE TAKING OF GAME  
6 IN THIS STATE. IN MAKING DECISIONS REGARDING THE TAKING OF GAME,  
7 THE DIRECTOR SHALL UTILIZE PRINCIPLES OF SOUND SCIENTIFIC  
8 MANAGEMENT.

9 (3) DECISIONS REGARDING THE TAKING OF GAME SHALL BE MADE  
10 FOLLOWING A PUBLIC HEARING AFTER AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC  
11 INPUT.

12 (4) NO COMMISSION, DEPARTMENT, DIRECTOR, AGENCY, OR PUBLIC  
13 OFFICIAL OF THIS STATE, OTHER THAN THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT  
14 OF NATURAL RESOURCES, SHALL HAVE AUTHORITY UNDER ANY SECTION OF  
15 THIS ACT, OR UNDER ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, TO TAKE ANY ACTION  
16 INCONSISTENT WITH THIS SECTION.