



# HOUSE BILL No. 6033

September 28, 2000, Introduced by Reps. Gosselin, Vear and Bradstreet and referred to the Committee on Conservation and Outdoor Recreation.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled  
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"  
by amending section 40113a (MCL 324.40113a), as amended by 1997  
PA 19.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1       Sec. 40113a. (1) The legislature finds and declares that:
- 2       (a) The wildlife populations of the state and their habitat
- 3 are of paramount importance to the citizens of this state.
- 4       (b) The sound scientific management of the wildlife popula-
- 5 tions of the state, including hunting of bear, is declared to be
- 6 in the public interest.
- 7       (c) The sound scientific management of bear populations in
- 8 this state is necessary to minimize ~~human/bear~~ encounters
- 9 BETWEEN HUMANS AND BEARS and to prevent bears from threatening or
- 10 harming humans, livestock, and pets.

1       (2) The commission ~~of natural resources~~ shall have the  
2 exclusive authority to regulate the taking of game ~~as defined in~~  
3 ~~section 40103~~ in this state. The commission ~~of natural~~  
4 ~~resources~~ shall, to the greatest extent practicable, utilize  
5 principles of sound scientific management in making decisions  
6 regarding the taking of game. ~~Issuance of orders by the~~ THE  
7 commission ~~of natural resources~~ MAY ISSUE ORDERS regarding the  
8 taking of game ~~shall be made~~ following a public meeting and an  
9 opportunity for public input. Not less than 30 days before issu-  
10 ing an order, the commission ~~of natural resources~~ shall provide  
11 a copy of the order to each of the following:

12       (a) Each member of each standing committee of the senate or  
13 house of representatives that considers legislation pertaining to  
14 conservation, the environment, natural resources, recreation,  
15 tourism, or agriculture.

16       (b) The chairperson of the senate appropriations committee  
17 and the chairperson of the house of representatives appropria-  
18 tions committee.

19       (c) The members of the subcommittee of the senate appropria-  
20 tions committee and the subcommittee of the house of representa-  
21 tives appropriations committee that consider the budget of the  
22 department. ~~of natural resources.~~

23       (3) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "SOUND SCIENTIFIC MANAGEMENT"  
24 MEANS MANAGEMENT BASED ON SOUND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE.