

# HOUSE BILL No. 5053

October 11, 2011, Introduced by Reps. Shirkey, Somerville, Crawford, Haveman, Bumstead and Haugh and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled  
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"  
by amending section 48729 (MCL 324.48729), as added by 1995 PA 57.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 48729. A person shall not do any of the following:

2       (a) Take or possess minnows, wigglers, or crayfish for  
3 commercial purposes from any of the waters over which this state  
4 has jurisdiction; import minnows, wigglers, or crayfish for  
5 commercial purposes from outside of this state; or transport  
6 minnows, wigglers, or crayfish without having first procured a  
7 license as provided in section 48732. A license, except a license  
8 to fish in the waters of this state as provided in part 435, is not  
9 required of persons taking minnows, wigglers, or crayfish for their  
10 individual use for bait. A person shall not set or use minnow traps  
11 for the taking of minnows, wigglers, or crayfish for any purpose

1 unless the name and address of the user is on the trap.

2 (b) Transport outside of this state any minnows, wigglers, or  
3 crayfish, dead or alive, taken either in or outside of this state

4 **UNLESS THAT PERSON HOLDS A PERMIT ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION.**

5 The department, upon receipt of a payment of \$25.00, may issue a  
6 permit, revocable by the department, under such regulations as the  
7 department prescribes, to any resident licensed as provided for in  
8 section 48732, enabling that person to transport outside of this  
9 state minnows, wigglers, or crayfish. ~~preserved in liquid and~~  
10 ~~bottled for fish bait. The department may limit to 15 or fewer days~~  
11 ~~of any 1 year the taking of minnows by a licensed person for~~  
12 ~~preservation for fish bait purposes.~~ A person holding a permit as  
13 provided in this subdivision shall allow the department to inspect  
14 his or her books and records at any reasonable time. A permit  
15 issued ~~pursuant to~~ **UNDER** this subdivision may be revoked by the  
16 department upon good cause and shall expire on December 31  
17 following the date of issuance unless the license is revoked ~~prior~~  
18 ~~to~~ **BEFORE** that date.

19 (c) Use or attempt to use live goldfish or carp for bait in  
20 fishing.

21 (d) Offer for sale or use lamprey for bait in fishing.

22 (e) Take, possess, or transport minnows, wigglers, or crayfish  
23 for commercial purposes from any of the waters over which this  
24 state has jurisdiction unless the taker is a resident of this state  
25 and holds a permit or license as required by law.