

# HOUSE BILL No. 4533

April 26, 2017, Introduced by Reps. VanderWall, Dianda, Victory, Bellino, Lucido, Elder, Leutheuser, Kivela, Marino, Allor, Hoitenga and Rendon and referred to the Committee on Tourism and Outdoor Recreation.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 43523a (MCL 324.43523a), as amended by 2016 PA 461.

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

1           Sec. 43523a. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this part, an  
2 individual shall not hunt small game, unless the individual  
3 possesses a current base license. A base license authorizes the  
4 individual named in the license to hunt for small game, except for  
5 animals or birds that require a special license.

6           (2) If authorized in an order issued under part 401, an  
7 individual who possesses a current base license may take specified  
8 fur-bearing animals by means other than trapping during the open

1 season for hunting these fur-bearing animals. However, an  
2 individual who goes on a bobcat hunt with a licensed hunter is not  
3 required to possess a base license if the individual does not carry  
4 a firearm, bow, or crossbow and does not own dogs used to chase or  
5 locate a bobcat during the hunt.

6 (3) The fee for a base license is as follows:

7 (a) Subject to subdivision (b), for a resident, \$10.00.

8 (b) For a resident minor child or nonresident minor child,  
9 \$5.00.

10 (c) Subject to subdivision (b), for a nonresident, \$150.00.

11 (4) A base license is void between the hours of 1/2 hour after  
12 sunset and 1/2 hour before sunrise with the exception of coyote  
13 hunting.

14 (5) A nonresident may purchase a limited nonresident small  
15 game license entitling that individual to hunt for a 7-day period  
16 all species of small game that are available to hunt under a  
17 nonresident base license. The fee for a **7-DAY** limited nonresident  
18 small game license is \$80.00. ~~The~~**EXCEPT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A**  
19 **WATERFOWL HUNTING LICENSE UNDER SECTION 43525B, THE** purchase of a  
20 7-day limited nonresident small game license does not entitle the  
21 holder to purchase any additional licenses.

22 **(6) BEGINNING MARCH 1, 2018, A NONRESIDENT MAY PURCHASE A 3-**  
23 **DAY LIMITED NONRESIDENT SMALL GAME LICENSE ENTITLING THAT**  
24 **INDIVIDUAL TO HUNT FOR A 3-DAY PERIOD ALL SPECIES OF SMALL GAME**  
25 **THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO HUNT UNDER A NONRESIDENT BASE LICENSE. THE**  
26 **FEE FOR A 3-DAY LIMITED NONRESIDENT SMALL GAME LICENSE IS \$40.00.**  
27 **EXCEPT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A WATERFOWL HUNTING LICENSE ISSUED UNDER**

1 SECTION 43525B, THE PURCHASE OF A 3-DAY LIMITED NONRESIDENT SMALL  
2 GAME LICENSE DOES NOT ENTITLE THE HOLDER TO PURCHASE ANY ADDITIONAL  
3 LICENSES.

4 (7) ~~(6)~~—Not later than March 1, 2018, the department shall  
5 develop an electronic license that allows an individual to display  
6 an electronic copy of his or her base license using an electronic  
7 device.