

HOUSE BILL No. 4534

April 26, 2017, Introduced by Reps. VanderWall, Dianda, Victory, Bellino, Lucido, Elder, 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 sections 43504, 43523a, 43527a, and 43528b (MCL 324.43504, 324.43523a, 324.43527a, and 324.43528b), section 43504 as amended by 2004 PA 587, section 43523a as amended by 2016 PA 461, and section 43527a as added and section 43528b as amended by 2013 PA 108, and by adding section 43527c.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 43504. As used in this part:

2 (a) "Game" has the meaning given that term in part 401.

3 (b) "Game and fish protection account" means the game and fish
4 protection account of the Michigan conservation and recreation
5 legacy fund provided for in section 2010.

6 (C) "QUALIFIED NONRESIDENT" MEANS A NONRESIDENT WHO MEETS ALL

1 OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

2 (i) OWNS LAND IN THIS STATE.

3 (ii) SIGNS AN AFFIDAVIT THAT INCLUDES BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:

4 (A) A STATEMENT THAT THE INDIVIDUAL ACKNOWLEDGES THAT HE OR
5 SHE IS ONLY ELIGIBLE TO HUNT ON THE LAND THAT INDIVIDUAL OWNS IN
6 THIS STATE.

7 (B) EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING:

8 (I) A COPY OF THE ASSESSMENT NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 24C
9 OF THE GENERAL PROPERTY TAX ACT, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.24C, FOR THE
10 PROPERTY THAT THE APPLICANT OWNS IN THIS STATE.

11 (II) A COPY OF THE TAX STATEMENT ISSUED UNDER SECTION 44 OF
12 THE GENERAL PROPERTY TAX ACT, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.44, FOR THE
13 PROPERTY THAT THE APPLICANT OWNS IN THIS STATE.

14 (D) ~~(e)~~ "Wildlife and fisheries" includes any member of the
15 wild animal kingdom, including any mammal, bird, fish, reptile,
16 amphibian, or invertebrate found in this state at any point in its
17 natural life cycle.

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

23 (2) If authorized in an order issued under part 401, an
24 individual who possesses a current base license may take specified
25 fur-bearing animals by means other than trapping during the open
26 season for hunting these fur-bearing animals. However, an
27 individual who goes on a bobcat hunt with a licensed hunter is not

1 required to possess a base license if the individual does not carry
2 a firearm, bow, or crossbow and does not own dogs used to chase or
3 locate a bobcat during the hunt.

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

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

6 (b) For a resident minor child or nonresident minor child,
7 \$5.00.

8 **(C) FOR A QUALIFIED NONRESIDENT, \$75.00.**

9 **(D) ~~(e)~~ Subject to ~~subdivision~~ **SUBDIVISIONS** (b) **AND (C)**,** for a
10 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~~ **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS**
18 **SUBSECTION, THE** fee for a limited nonresident small game license is
19 \$80.00. **FOR A QUALIFIED NONRESIDENT, THE FEE FOR A LIMITED**
20 **NONRESIDENT SMALL GAME LICENSE IS \$40.00.** The purchase of a 7-day
21 limited nonresident small game license does not entitle the holder
22 to purchase any additional licenses.

23 (6) Not later than March 1, 2018, the department shall develop
24 an electronic license that allows an individual to display an
25 electronic copy of his or her base license using an electronic
26 device.

27 Sec. 43527a. (1) ~~Beginning March 1, 2014, only~~ **ONLY** an

1 individual holding a valid base license is eligible to purchase a
2 deer license or an antlerless deer license, pursuant to current
3 regulations. The fee for a deer license or an antlerless deer
4 license is \$20.00.

5 (2) ~~Beginning March 1, 2014, the~~ **THE** department shall charge a
6 nonrefundable application fee not to exceed \$5.00 for each
7 individual who applies for an antlerless deer license.

8 (3) The department may issue a kill tag with or as part of
9 each deer license. The kill tag ~~shall~~ **MUST** bear the license number.
10 The kill tag may also include space for other pertinent information
11 required by the department. The kill tag, if issued, is part of the
12 license.

13 (4) Where authorized by the department, a resident may
14 purchase a second deer license for the fee assessed under this
15 subsection for the deer license for which that individual is
16 eligible. However, a senior license discount is not available for
17 the purchase of a second deer license. Where authorized by the
18 department, a nonresident may purchase an additional deer license
19 or antlerless deer license under this section for \$170.00. **WHERE**
20 **AUTHORIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT, A QUALIFIED NONRESIDENT MAY PURCHASE**
21 **AN ADDITIONAL DEER LICENSE OR ANTLERLESS DEER LICENSE UNDER THIS**
22 **SECTION FOR \$85.00.** The department may issue orders under part 401
23 designating the kind of deer that may be taken and the geographic
24 area in which any license issued under this section is valid, when
25 advisable in managing deer.

26 **SEC. 43527C. (1) ONLY AN INDIVIDUAL HOLDING A VALID BASE**
27 **LICENSE IS ELIGIBLE TO PURCHASE A COMBINATION DEER LICENSE. THE FEE**

1 FOR A COMBINATION DEER LICENSE IS \$40.00 AND INCLUDES THE
2 FOLLOWING:

3 (A) AN UNRESTRICTED TAG THAT MAY BE USED TO TAKE ANY ANTLERED
4 DEER DURING ANY SEASON OR ANTLERLESS DEER DURING ARCHERY SEASON.

5 (B) A RESTRICTED TAG THAT MAY BE USED TO TAKE ANY DEER HAVING
6 AT LEAST 3 ANTLER POINTS ON 1 SIDE, EACH AT LEAST 1 INCH IN LENGTH.

7 (2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE A KILL TAG WITH OR AS PART OF
8 EACH COMBINATION DEER LICENSE. THE KILL TAG MUST BEAR THE LICENSE
9 NUMBER. THE KILL TAG MAY ALSO INCLUDE SPACE FOR OTHER PERTINENT
10 INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT. THE KILL TAG, IF ISSUED, IS
11 PART OF THE LICENSE.

12 (3) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "ANTLERED DEER" MEANS A DEER
13 HAVING AT LEAST 1 ANTLER THAT EXTENDS 3 INCHES OR MORE ABOVE THE
14 SKULL.

15 Sec. 43528b. (1) An individual shall not hunt wolf without a
16 wolf hunting license. ~~Beginning March 1, 2014, only~~ **ONLY** an
17 individual holding a valid base license is eligible to purchase a
18 wolf hunting license. The fee for a resident wolf hunting license
19 is \$100.00. ~~The~~ **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION,**
20 **THE** fee for a nonresident wolf hunting license is \$500.00. **FOR A**
21 **QUALIFIED NONRESIDENT, THE FEE FOR A NONRESIDENT WOLF HUNTING**
22 **LICENSE IS \$250.00.** The department ~~may establish a nonrefundable~~
23 ~~application fee not to exceed \$4.00 for each individual who applies~~
24 ~~for a wolf hunting license. Beginning March 1, 2014, the department~~
25 may establish a nonrefundable application fee not to exceed \$5.00
26 for each individual who applies for a wolf hunting license.

27 (2) The department may issue a kill tag with, or as part of, a

1 wolf hunting license. The kill tag ~~shall~~**MUST** bear the license
2 number. The kill tag may also include space for other pertinent
3 information required by the department. The kill tag, if issued, is
4 part of the license.

5 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
6 after the date it is enacted into law.