

# HOUSE BILL NO. 5068

September 26, 2025, Introduced by Rep. Outman and referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Tourism.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled  
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"  
by amending section 40103 (MCL 324.40103), as amended by 2016 PA  
382, and by adding section 40110d.

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

1       Sec. 40103. (1) "Game" means any species of wildlife  
2       designated by the legislature or the commission as game under  
3       section 40110 and any of the following animals but does not include  
4       privately owned cervidae species located on a cervidae livestock  
5       facility registered under the privately owned cervidae producers  
6       marketing act, 2000 PA 190, MCL 287.951 to 287.969:

- 1 (a) Badger.
- 2 (b) Bear.
- 3 (c) Beaver.
- 4 (d) Bobcat.
- 5 (e) Brant.
- 6 (f) Coot.
- 7 (g) Coyote.
- 8 (h) Crow.
- 9 (i) Deer.
- 10 (j) Duck.
- 11 (k) Elk.
- 12 (l) Fisher.
- 13 (m) Florida gallinule.
- 14 (n) Fox.
- 15 (o) Geese.
- 16 (p) Hare.
- 17 (q) Hungarian partridge.
- 18 (r) Marten.
- 19 (s) Mink.
- 20 (t) Moose.
- 21 **(u) Mourning dove.**
- 22 **(v)** ~~(u)~~ Muskrat.
- 23 **(w)** ~~(v)~~ Opossum.
- 24 **(x)** ~~(w)~~ Otter.
- 25 **(y)** ~~(x)~~ Pheasant.
- 26 **(z)** ~~(y)~~ Quail.
- 27 **(aa)** ~~(z)~~ Rabbit.
- 28 **(bb)** ~~(aa)~~ Raccoon.
- 29 **(cc)** ~~(bb)~~ Ruffed grouse.

1       **(dd)** ~~(ee)~~ Sharptailed grouse.

2       **(ee)** ~~(dd)~~ Skunk.

3       **(ff)** ~~(ee)~~ Snipe.

4       **(gg)** ~~(ff)~~ Sora rail.

5       **(hh)** ~~(gg)~~ Squirrel.

6       **(ii)** ~~(hh)~~ Virginia rail.

7       **(jj)** ~~(ii)~~ Weasel.

8       **(kk)** ~~(jj)~~ Wild turkey.

9       **(ll)** ~~(kk)~~ Wolf.

10       **(mm)** ~~(ll)~~ Woodchuck.

11       **(nn)** ~~(mm)~~ Woodcock.

12       (2) "Interim order of the department" means an order of the  
13 department issued under section 40108.

14       (3) "Kind" means an animal's sex, age, or physical  
15 characteristics.

16       (4) "Normal agricultural practices" means generally accepted  
17 agricultural and management practices as defined by the commission  
18 of agriculture and rural development.

19       (5) "Open season" means the dates during which game may be  
20 legally taken.

21       (6) "Parts" means any or all portions of an animal, including  
22 the skin, plumage, hide, fur, entire body, or egg of an animal.

23       (7) "Protected" or "protected animal" means an animal or kind  
24 of animal that is designated by the department as an animal that  
25 shall not be taken.

26       (8) "Residence" means a permanent building serving as a  
27 temporary or permanent home. Residence may include a cottage,  
28 cabin, or mobile home, but does not include a structure designed  
29 primarily for taking game, a tree blind, a tent, a recreational or

1 other vehicle, or a camper.

2 (9) "Conservation" means the wise use of natural resources.

3 **Sec. 40110d. The legislature authorizes the establishment of**  
4 **an open season for mourning doves. Not later than April 1, 2026,**  
5 **the commission shall issue orders under section 40113a establishing**  
6 **an open season for mourning doves.**