

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 5559**

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled  
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"  
(MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding sections 48714a and 48714b.

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

1           **Sec. 48714a. (1) Beginning March 1, 2021, an individual shall**  
2 **not act as a sport fishing guide on an inland lake or stream, as**  
3 **that term is defined in section 30101, unless that individual**  
4 **possesses both of the following:**

- 5           **(a) A valid license issued under subsection (2).**  
6           **(b) A valid fishing license.**

7           **(2) To obtain a license to act as a sport fishing guide, an**  
8 **individual shall submit the application fee described in section**  
9 **48714b and an application to the department. The application must**



1 be in a format determined by the department. The department shall  
2 only grant a license to an individual if the department determines  
3 all of the following:

4 (a) That the individual holds a valid certification in first  
5 aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation issued by the American Red  
6 Cross, the American Heart Association, or a comparable organization  
7 as approved by the department, and that the individual can provide  
8 to the department, upon request, a copy of the certification.

9 (b) The individual has a valid, lawfully obtained Michigan  
10 driver license issued under the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300,  
11 MCL 257.1 to 257.923, an official state personal identification  
12 card issued under 1972 PA 222, MCL 28.291 to 28.300, or a sportcard  
13 issued under section 43522.

14 (c) The individual has not been convicted of any of the  
15 following within the past 3 years:

16 (i) A violation of any of the following:

17 (A) Section 40112.

18 (B) Section 40118(2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (14), (15), (16), or  
19 (17).

20 (C) Section 41105.

21 (D) Section 44524.

22 (E) Section 48738(2) or (3).

23 (F) Section 48739(1), (2), or (3).

24 (ii) Any felony.

25 (iii) A violation of a law of a participating state  
26 substantially corresponding to a violation described in  
27 subparagraphs (i) to (ii).

28 (d) The individual is eligible to purchase a license for the  
29 fish species for which the individual is acting as a sport fishing



1 guide.

2 (e) Unless the individual indicates in writing to the  
3 department that sport fishing guiding activities will occur without  
4 the use of a watercraft, the individual has either a valid state  
5 pilot's license issued by the department under section 44510 or a  
6 valid captain's license issued by the United States Coast Guard.

7 (3) An individual shall not act as a sport fishing guide  
8 unless that individual, when acting as a sport fishing guide,  
9 carries a basic first aid kit that includes, but is not limited to,  
10 all of the following:

11 (a) Tourniquet, chest seals, and compression gauze.

12 (b) CPR mask.

13 (c) Trauma shears.

14 (d) Sterile eyewash.

15 (e) Mylar emergency blanket.

16 (f) Bandages.

17 (g) Moleskin.

18 (h) Tweezers.

19 (4) An individual shall not act as a sport fishing guide on  
20 commercial forestland.

21 (5) A license issued under this section is valid for 3 years  
22 after the date it is issued. The department shall allow an  
23 individual to obtain a public boating access entry pass required  
24 under section 78105(3) with any sport fishing guide license issued  
25 under this section for each year that the sport fishing guide  
26 license is valid. The department may revoke a license under this  
27 section, after notice and opportunity for hearing pursuant to the  
28 administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to  
29 24.328, for either of the following reasons:



1 (a) The department determines that an individual is not  
2 eligible to hold a license under this section.

3 (b) The individual provides false information under this  
4 section.

5 (6) A sport fishing guide shall file monthly reports to the  
6 department, in a format determined by the department, that contain  
7 information related to all of the following:

8 (a) The species of fish for which the individual acted as a  
9 sport fishing guide.

10 (b) The number of clients that the sport fishing guide had for  
11 each fishing trip and the number of hours fished for each fishing  
12 trip.

13 (c) The number of fish caught and released and the number of  
14 fish harvested by the clients of the sport fishing guide.

15 (d) The bodies of water where the individual acted as a sport  
16 fishing guide.

17 (e) Any additional information the department requires  
18 regarding the fishing activity or biological characteristics of the  
19 fish caught and released or harvested.

20 (f) For any month that the guide did not act as a sport  
21 fishing guide, a report stating that the individual did not act as  
22 a sport fishing guide during that month.

23 (7) If an individual fails to file a monthly report under  
24 subsection (6) and that report remains unfiled for more than 90  
25 days after the date it is due, the individual is subject to the  
26 following:

27 (a) For a first violation, a \$100.00 civil fine.

28 (b) For a second violation, a \$200.00 civil fine.

29 (c) For a third violation, a \$500.00 civil fine.



1 (d) For a fourth violation, after notice and an opportunity  
2 for hearing pursuant to the administrative procedures act of 1969,  
3 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328, a revocation of the individual's  
4 license under this section.

5 (8) Information submitted in reports under subsection (6) is  
6 confidential and is exempt from disclosure under the freedom of  
7 information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.

8 (9) The department shall annually post on its website all of  
9 the following:

10 (a) The number of applications submitted under subsection (2)  
11 in the previous year.

12 (b) The number of licenses issued under this section in the  
13 previous year.

14 (c) A list of individuals who have valid licenses under this  
15 section.

16 (10) An individual shall carry his or her sport fishing guide  
17 license and shall exhibit the license upon the demand of a  
18 conservation officer, a peace officer, a tribal conservation  
19 officer, a park and recreation officer if sport fishing guiding  
20 takes place on property regulated under part 741 or 781, or the  
21 owner or occupant of any land where the individual is acting as a  
22 sport fishing guide.

23 (11) An individual who acts as a sport fishing guide without a  
24 valid license issued under this section or who acts as a sport  
25 fishing guide on commercial forestland is subject to a civil fine  
26 of not more than \$500.00. An individual who acts as a sport fishing  
27 guide without a valid license issued under this section or who acts  
28 as a sport fishing guide on commercial forestland a second or  
29 subsequent time is subject to a civil fine of not more than



1 \$1,000.00. A civil fine collected under this subsection or  
2 subsection (7) must be deposited in the game and fish protection  
3 account established in section 2010.

4 (12) An individual who provides false information to the  
5 department under this section is subject to a civil fine of not  
6 more than \$500.00 and the costs of prosecution.

7 (13) As used in this section:

8 (a) "Consideration of value" means an economic benefit,  
9 inducement, right, or profit, including monetary payment accruing  
10 to an individual or person. Consideration of value does not include  
11 a voluntary sharing of the actual expenses of the guiding activity,  
12 by monetary contribution or donation of fuel, food, beverage, or  
13 other supplies.

14 (b) "Participating state" means that term as defined in  
15 section 1615.

16 (c) "Sport fishing guide" means an individual who, for a fee  
17 or other consideration, provides assistance to another individual  
18 in pursuing, capturing, catching, killing, taking, or attempting to  
19 take fish. Sport fishing guide does not include any of the  
20 following:

21 (i) An employee or member of an organization conducting a not-  
22 for-profit activity to recruit, retain, or promote fishing, while  
23 providing assistance to another individual in taking fish during  
24 that activity.

25 (ii) The owner of private land while providing assistance to  
26 another individual in pursuing, capturing, catching, killing,  
27 taking, or attempting to take fish on that private land.

28 (iii) An individual who complies with subsection (2) (c) and who  
29 is working under the direct supervision of a licensed sport fishing



1 guide. As used in this subparagraph, "direct supervision" means  
2 that visual and vocal contact is constantly maintained between the  
3 individual and the licensed sport fishing guide.

4 Sec. 48714b. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section,  
5 the department shall charge a resident applying for a sport fishing  
6 guide license under section 48714a an application fee of \$150.00.  
7 The department shall charge a nonresident applying for a sport  
8 fishing guide license under section 48714a an application fee of  
9 \$300.00. The operator of a charter boat licensed under part 445 is  
10 not required to pay an application fee under this section. Money  
11 collected under this section must be deposited in the game and fish  
12 protection account established in section 2010.

13 (2) If an individual elects to obtain a public boating access  
14 entry pass with the sport fishing guide license under section  
15 48714a, the department shall charge that individual a \$300.00 fee.  
16 Money collected for a public boating access entry pass under this  
17 section must be deposited in the waterways account established in  
18 section 2035.

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

21 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect  
22 unless all of the following bills of the 100th Legislature are  
23 enacted into law:

24 (a) House Bill No. 5558.

25 (b) House Bill No. 5560.

