

Act No. 66
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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
88TH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 1996**

Introduced by Rep. Murphy

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 5317

AN ACT to amend section 2 of Act No. 189 of the Public Acts of 1955, entitled "An act to repeal Act No. 192 of the Public Acts of 1941, entitled as amended "An act to license and regulate domestic mink farms, and to prescribe the powers and duties of the state department of agriculture with respect thereto," as amended, being sections 317.41 to 317.50, inclusive, of the Compiled Laws of 1948," being section 317.52 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Section 1. Section 2 of Act No. 189 of the Public Acts of 1955, being section 317.52 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2. The repeal of Act No. 192 of the Public Acts of 1941 is predicated upon the determination by the legislature that the breeding, raising, and producing in captivity, and the marketing, by the producer, of mink as live animals or as animal pelts or carcasses, shall be considered an agricultural pursuit, and all such animals raised in captivity shall be considered domestic animals, subject to all the laws of the state with reference to possession, ownership, and taxation as are at any time applicable to domestic animals, and all persons engaged in these activities are farmers and engaged in farming for all statutory purposes. The repeal of Act No. 192 of the Public Acts of 1941 shall not be construed to place domestic mink farms under the provisions of part 427 (breeders and dealers) of the natural resources and environmental protection act, Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, being sections 324.42701 to 324.42714 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Secretary of the Senate.

Approved -----

Governor.