SUBSTITUTE FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 6272

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 40110 (MCL 324.40110), as added by 1995 PA 57.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 40110. (1) Only the legislature may designate a
- 2 species as game. If an animal is designated under this section
- 3 by the legislature as game, then only the legislature may
- 4 authorize the establishment of the first open season for that
- 5 animal. After the legislature authorizes the establishment of
- 6 the first open season for game pursuant to this section, the
- 7 department may issue orders pertaining to that animal for each of
- 8 the purposes listed in section 40107, subject to section 40113a.
- 9 (2) The department and the commission shall preserve and
- 10 promote the heritage of recreational hunting in this state,

- 1 consistent with this part, and may promote legislation to do
- 2 either or both of the following:
- 3 (a) Classify animals as game.
- (b) Declare the first open season for game. 4