

HOUSE BILL No. 5687

February 6, 2008, Introduced by Reps. Green, Casperson, Elsenheimer, Lahti, Lindberg, Shaffer, Meekhof, Hildenbrand, Acciavatti, Pavlov, Agema, Knollenberg, Hammon, Hammel, Sheltroun, Steil, Booher and McDowell and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

A bill to authorize the removal, capture, or lethal control of a gray wolf that is killing, wounding, or biting a dog under certain circumstances; and to promulgate rules.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. As used in this act:

2 (a) "Conservation officer" means that term as defined in
3 section 1b of the state employees' retirement act, 1943 PA 240, MCL
4 38.1b.

5 (b) "Department" means the department of natural resources.

6 (c) "Dog" includes, but is not limited to, a domesticated dog
7 and a dog used for hunting.

8 Sec. 3. (1) The owner of a dog or his or her designated agent
9 may remove, capture, or, if deemed necessary, use lethal means to
10 destroy a gray wolf that is in the act of killing, wounding, or

1 biting the owner's dog.

2 (2) The owner of the dog or his or her designated agent shall
3 report the taking of a gray wolf to a conservation officer as soon
4 as practicable, but not later than 24 hours after the taking. A
5 person who violates this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor
6 punishable by a fine of not less than \$50.00 or more than \$500.00.

7 (3) The owner of the dog or his or her designated agent shall
8 retain possession of a gray wolf taken until a conservation officer
9 is available to take possession of and transfer the gray wolf to
10 the appropriate department personnel for examination. A person who
11 violates this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a
12 fine of not less than \$50.00 or more than \$500.00.

13 (4) The owner of the dog or his or her designated agent may
14 report the taking of a gray wolf by utilizing the department's
15 report all poaching hotline at 1-800-292-7800.

16 Sec. 5. The department may promulgate rules to implement this
17 act pursuant to the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA
18 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328.