

# SENATE BILL No. 1084

February 6, 2008, Introduced by Senators JELINEK, PRUSI, GLEASON, BARCIA, ALLEN, KUIPERS and JANSEN and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs.

A bill to authorize the removal, capture, or lethal control of a gray wolf that is killing, wounding, or biting livestock 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) "Livestock" means those species of animals used for human  
7 food or fiber or those species of animals used for service to  
8 humans. Livestock includes, but is not limited to, cattle, sheep,  
9 new world camelids, goats, bison, privately owned cervids, ratites,  
10 swine, equine, poultry, aquaculture, and rabbits.

1           Sec. 3. (1) The owner of livestock or his or her designated  
2 agent may remove, capture, or, if deemed necessary, use lethal  
3 means to destroy a gray wolf that is in the act of killing,  
4 wounding, or biting the owner's livestock.

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

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

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

19          Sec. 5. The department may promulgate rules to implement this  
20 act pursuant to the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA  
21 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328.