

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TAKING OF DEER DURING YOUTH HUNT WEEKEND

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House Bill 5233 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Curtis S. VanderWall
Committee: Natural Resources
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 5233 would amend Part 435 (Hunting and Fishing Licensing) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to establish criteria and requirements for the taking of deer by a minor child during the Youth Hunt Weekend. (The “Youth Hunt Weekend” is part of the Liberty Hunt established under section 3.101e of the Natural Resources Commission’s Wildlife Conservation Order.¹ The Liberty Hunt is a two-day hunt starting the Saturday following September 15.)

Under the bill, a minor child hunting during the Youth Hunt Weekend would have to purchase a youth antlerless deer license under the proposed new section. *Only* a minor child could purchase a youth antlerless deer license, which would cost \$1 and would be valid for taking an antlerless deer *only* during the Youth Hunt Weekend.

The bill would also require that the minor child must take an *antlerless* deer before he or she takes an *antlered* deer during that weekend.

Proposed MCL 324.43537a

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 5233 would increase revenue for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) by establishing a new hunting license. The amount of revenue generated by this new youth antlerless deer license is unclear at present. The bill defines a relatively narrow scope for the license (minor children only, Youth Hunt Weekend specifically, antlerless deer exclusively) and a relatively low fee at \$1. The sale of all hunting and fishing licenses generated approximately \$62.1 million in FY 2016-17. This revenue was used to support wildlife and fishery programs, DNR law enforcement, and departmental administration in accordance with statute.

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¹ See https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-350-79136_79772_80261-120756--,00.html