

# HOUSE BILL NO. 5390

October 13, 2021, Introduced by Reps. Steven Johnson and Beson and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled  
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"  
by amending section 43523a (MCL 324.43523a), as amended by 2018 PA  
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## **THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 43523a. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this part, an  
2 individual shall not hunt small game, unless the individual  
3 possesses a current base license. A base license authorizes the  
4 individual named in the license to hunt for small game, except for

1 animals or birds that require a special license.

2 (2) If authorized in an order issued under part 401, an  
3 individual who possesses a current base license may take specified  
4 fur-bearing animals by means other than trapping during the open  
5 season for hunting these fur-bearing animals. However, an  
6 individual who goes on a bobcat hunt with a licensed hunter is not  
7 required to possess a base license if the individual does not carry  
8 a firearm, bow, or crossbow and does not own dogs used to chase or  
9 locate a bobcat during the hunt.

10 (3) The fee for a base license is as follows:

11 (a) Subject to subdivision (b), for a resident, \$10.00.

12 (b) For a resident minor child or nonresident minor child,  
13 \$5.00.

14 (c) Subject to subdivision (b), for a nonresident, \$150.00.

15 (4) A base license is void between the hours of 1/2 hour after  
16 sunset and 1/2 hour before sunrise with the exception of coyote  
17 hunting.

18 (5) A nonresident may purchase a limited nonresident small  
19 game license entitling that individual to hunt for a 7-day period  
20 all species of small game that are available to hunt under a  
21 nonresident base license. The fee for a 7-day limited nonresident  
22 small game license is \$80.00. Except for the purchase of a  
23 waterfowl hunting license under section 43525b, the purchase of a  
24 7-day limited nonresident small game license does not entitle the  
25 holder to purchase any additional licenses.

26 (6) ~~Beginning March 1, 2018, a~~ **A** nonresident may purchase a 3-  
27 day limited nonresident small game license entitling that  
28 individual to hunt for a 3-day period all species of small game  
29 that are available to hunt under a nonresident base license. The

1 fee for a 3-day limited nonresident small game license is \$50.00.  
2 Except for the purchase of a waterfowl hunting license issued under  
3 section 43525b, the purchase of a 3-day limited nonresident small  
4 game license does not entitle the holder to purchase any additional  
5 licenses.

6 **(7) An individual may hunt squirrel year-round in this state**  
7 **without a license.**

8 **(8)** ~~(7) Not later than March 1, 2018, the~~ **The** department shall  
9 develop an electronic license that allows an individual to display  
10 an electronic copy of his or her base license using an electronic  
11 device.