

SENATE BILL NO. 269

March 23, 2021, Introduced by Senators MCBROOM, DALEY, VICTORY and VANDERWALL
and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"
by amending sections 43504, 43523a, and 43523b (MCL 324.43504,
324.43523a, and 324.43523b), section 43504 as amended by 2004 PA
587, section 43523a as amended by 2018 PA 3, and section 43523b as
added by 2013 PA 108, and by adding section 43523c.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 43504. As used in this part:
- 2 (a) "Game" has the meaning given that term in part 401.

1 (b) "Game and fish protection account" means the game and fish
2 protection account of the Michigan conservation and recreation
3 legacy fund provided for in section 2010.

4 (c) "Qualified nonresident" means any of the following:

5 (i) A nonresident who owns land in this state.

6 (ii) A nonresident who signs an affidavit that includes a
7 statement that the individual previously lived in this state.

8 (iii) A nonresident who previously possessed a resident hunting
9 license in this state or possessed a certification of completion of
10 training in hunter safety issued to the individual after completing
11 a traditional classroom hunter safety course in this state.

12 (d) ~~(e)~~—"Wildlife and fisheries" includes any member of the
13 wild animal kingdom, including any mammal, bird, fish, reptile,
14 amphibian, or invertebrate found in this state at any point in its
15 natural life cycle.

16 Sec. 43523a. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this part, an
17 individual shall not hunt small game, unless the individual
18 possesses a current base license. A base license authorizes the
19 individual named in the license to hunt for small game, except for
20 animals or birds that require a special license.

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

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

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

2 (b) For a resident minor child or nonresident minor child,
3 \$5.00.

4 (c) **Until 5 years after the effective date of the amendatory**
5 **act that added section 43523c or until the department stops**
6 **offering discounted licenses as provided in section 43523c, for a**
7 **qualified nonresident, \$75.00.**

8 (d) ~~(e)~~ Subject to ~~subdivision~~ **subdivisions** (b) **and (c)**, for a
9 nonresident, \$150.00.

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

13 (5) A nonresident may purchase a limited nonresident small
14 game license entitling that individual to hunt for a 7-day period
15 all species of small game that are available to hunt under a
16 nonresident base license. ~~The~~ **Except as otherwise provided in this**
17 **subsection, the** fee for a 7-day limited nonresident small game
18 license is \$80.00. **Until 5 years after the effective date of the**
19 **amendatory act that added section 43523c or until the department**
20 **stops offering discounted licenses as provided in section 43523c,**
21 **for a qualified nonresident, the fee for a limited nonresident**
22 **small game license is \$40.00.** 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) ~~Not later than March 1, 2018, the~~ **The** department shall
7 develop an electronic license that allows an individual to display
8 an electronic copy of his or her base license using an electronic
9 device.

10 Sec. 43523b. (1) ~~Beginning March 1, 2014, the~~ **The** fee for a
11 resident combination hunt and fish license is \$75.00 and ~~shall~~
12 ~~include~~ **includes** all of the privileges conferred by all of the
13 following:

- 14 (a) Resident base license.
- 15 (b) Two deer licenses.
- 16 (c) All-species fishing license.

17 (2) ~~Beginning March 1, 2014,~~ **Except as otherwise provided in**
18 **subsection (3),** the fee for a nonresident combination hunt and fish
19 license is \$265.00 and ~~shall include~~ **includes** all of the privileges
20 conferred by all of the following:

- 21 (a) Nonresident base license.
- 22 (b) Two deer licenses.
- 23 (c) All-species fishing license.

24 (3) **Until 5 years after the effective date of the amendatory**
25 **act that added section 43523c or until the department stops**
26 **offering discounted licenses as provided in section 43523c, for a**
27 **qualified nonresident, the fee for a nonresident combination hunt**
28 **and fish license is \$132.50 and includes all of the privileges**
29 **conferred by all of the following:**

1 (a) Nonresident base license.

2 (b) Two deer licenses.

3 (c) All-species fishing license.

4 Sec. 43523c. (1) A qualified nonresident who purchases a
5 discounted license under this part shall not hunt on state land
6 with that license.

7 (2) If the department determines that the annual revenue
8 received by the department for nonresident licenses in 2021 is less
9 than 50% of what the department received in 2019, the department
10 shall no longer allow a qualified nonresident to purchase a
11 discounted license under this part.

12 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
13 after the date it is enacted into law.