

# HOUSE BILL NO. 5301

December 02, 2025, Introduced by Reps. Bohnak, Fairbairn, BeGole, Neyer, Prestin and Markkanen and referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Tourism.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled  
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"  
by amending section 40113 (MCL 324.40113), as added by 1995 PA 57.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 40113. (1) Except as otherwise provided in **this section**  
2 **or** a department order authorized under section 40107 for a  
3 specified animal, ~~a person~~ **an individual** shall not use an  
4 artificial light in taking game or in an area frequented by  
5 animals; throw or cast the rays of a spotlight, headlight, or other  
6 artificial light in a field, woodland, or forest while having a bow  
7 or firearm or other weapon capable of shooting a projectile in the

~~person's individual's~~ possession or under the ~~person's individual's~~ control unless otherwise permitted by law. A licensed hunter may use an artificial light ~~1 hour~~ **2 hours** before and ~~1 hour~~ **2 hours** after shooting hours while in possession of any unloaded firearm or bow and traveling afoot to and from the licensed hunter's hunting location.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in a department order authorized under section 40107, ~~a person~~ **an individual** shall not throw, cast, or cause to be thrown or cast, the rays of an artificial light from December 1 to October 31 between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. for the purpose of locating animals. Except as otherwise permitted by law or an order of the department, from November 1 to November 30, ~~a person~~ **an individual** shall not throw, cast, or cause to be thrown or cast, the rays of a spotlight, headlight, or other artificial light for the purpose of locating animals. This subsection does not apply to any of the following:

(a) A peace officer while in the performance of the officer's duties.

(b) ~~A person~~ **An individual** operating an emergency vehicle in an emergency.

(c) An employee of a public or private utility while working in the scope of ~~his or her~~ **that individual's** employment.

(d) ~~A person~~ **An individual** operating a vehicle with headlights in a lawful manner upon a street, highway, or roadway.

(e) ~~A person~~ **An individual** using an artificial light to identify a house or mailbox number.

(f) The use of artificial lights used to conduct a census by the department.

(g) ~~A person~~ **An individual** using an artificial light from

1 November 1 to November 30 on property that is owned by that ~~person~~  
2 **individual** or by a member of that ~~person's-individual's~~ immediate  
3 family.

4 (3) The operator of a vehicle from which the rays of an  
5 artificial light have been cast in a clear attempt to locate game  
6 shall immediately stop the vehicle ~~upon the request of~~ **if requested**  
7 **by** a uniformed peace officer or when signaled by a peace officer  
8 with a flashing signal light or siren from a marked patrol vehicle.