



SENATE BILL No. 529

May 16, 1995, Introduced by Senator HOFFMAN, DINGELL, KOIVISTO, CHERRY and NORTH and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs.

A bill to amend sections 4 and 11 of Act No. 256 of the Public Acts of 1988, entitled "Wildlife conservation act," being sections 300.254 and 300.261 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Sections 4 and 11 of Act No. 256 of the Public
2 Acts of 1988, being sections 300.254 and 300.261 of the Michigan
3 Compiled Laws, are amended to read as follows:

4 Sec. 4. (1) "Game" means any of the following animals:

5 (a) Badger.

6 (b) Bear.

7 (c) Beaver.

8 (d) Bobcat.

- 1 (e) Brant.
- 2 (f) Coot.
- 3 (g) Coyote.
- 4 (h) Crow.
- 5 (i) Deer.
- 6 (j) Duck.
- 7 (k) Elk.
- 8 (l) Fisher.
- 9 (m) Florida gallinule.
- 10 (n) Fox.
- 11 (o) Geese.
- 12 (p) Hare.
- 13 (q) Hungarian partridge.
- 14 (r) Marten.
- 15 (s) Mink.
- 16 (t) Moose.
- 17 (U) MOURNING DOVE.
- 18 (V) ~~(u)~~ Muskrat.
- 19 (W) ~~(v)~~ Opossum.
- 20 (X) ~~(w)~~ Otter.
- 21 (Y) ~~(x)~~ Pheasant.
- 22 (Z) ~~(y)~~ Quail.
- 23 (AA) ~~(z)~~ Rabbit.
- 24 (BB) ~~(aa)~~ Raccoon.
- 25 (CC) ~~(bb)~~ Ruffed grouse.
- 26 (DD) ~~(cc)~~ Sharptailed grouse.

- 1 (EE) ~~(dd)~~ Skunk.
2 (FF) ~~(ee)~~ Snipe.
3 (GG) ~~(ff)~~ Sora rail.
4 (HH) ~~(gg)~~ Squirrels.
5 (II) ~~(hh)~~ Weasel.
6 (JJ) ~~(ii)~~ Wild turkey.
7 (KK) ~~(jj)~~ Woodchuck.
8 (ll) ~~(kk)~~ Woodcock.
9 (MM) ~~(ll)~~ Virginia rail.

10 (2) "Handicap" means a determinable physical characteristic
11 of an individual which may result from disease, injury, congeni-
12 tal condition of birth, or functional disorder.

13 (3) "Interim order of the director" means an order of the
14 ~~director~~ DEPARTMENT issued under section 9.

15 (4) "Kind" means an animal's sex, age, or physical
16 characteristics.

17 (5) "Open season" means the dates during which game may be
18 legally taken.

19 (6) "Parts" means any or all portions of an animal, includ-
20 ing the skin, plumage, hide, fur, entire body, or egg of an
21 animal.

22 (7) "Person" means an individual, sole proprietorship, part-
23 nership, association, corporation, or other legal entity.

24 (8) "Protected" or "protected animal" means an animal or
25 kind of animal that is designated by the ~~commission~~ DEPARTMENT
26 as an animal that shall not be taken.

1 Sec. 11. (1) Only the legislature may designate a species
2 as game. If an animal is designated under this section by the
3 legislature as game, then only the legislature may authorize the
4 establishment of the first open season for that animal. After
5 the legislature authorizes the establishment of the first open
6 season for game pursuant to this section, the ~~commission~~
7 DEPARTMENT may issue orders pertaining to that animal for each of
8 the purposes listed in section 8.

9 (2) AN OPEN SEASON FOR THE TAKING OF MOURNING DOVES SHALL BE
10 ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT.