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Senate Bill 493 (Substitute S-1 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)
Sponsor: Senator Don Koivisto
Committee: Hunting, Fishing and Forestry

CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 401 (Wildlife Conservation) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to allow a member of a registered beagle club to live trap on private property with the owner's permission, and release on beagle club property up to five cottontail rabbits or varying hares per year. The beagle club would be required to maintain on its premises a record of the number of cottontail rabbits and varying hares captured and released by each member and the date and location of the capture and release. The beagle club would have to submit the record to the Department of Natural Resources on request, and make the record available for inspection by the Department at reasonable hours with reasonable notice.

(Under the Act, a person must not take, release, transport, sell, buy, or have in his or her possession game or a protected animal, whether living or dead, or parts of any game or protected animal, from the State or from outside the State, except as provided for in the Act. The term "game" includes rabbits, as well as badger, bear, beaver, bobcat, brant, coot, coyote, crow, deer, duck, elk, fisher, Florida gallinule, fox, geese, hare, Hungarian partridge, marten, mink, moose, muskrat, opossum, otter, pheasant, quail, raccoon, ruffed grouse, sharp-tailed grouse, skunk, snipe, sora rail, squirrels, weasel, wild turkey, woodchuck, woodcock, and Virginia rail.)

Proposed MCL 324.40106a

Legislative Analyst: N. Nagata

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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