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House Bill 4145 (Substitute S-1 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)
Sponsor: Representative Tory Rocca
House Committee: Conservation, Forestry, and Outdoor Recreation
Senate Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 435 (Hunting and Fishing Licensing) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to require the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) or its agent, when a person applied for a license under Part 435, to ask whether he or she would like to donate \$1 to the Sportsmen Against Hunger Program (proposed by House Bill 4071). If so, the DNR would have to collect the donation with the license fee. A person designated by the DNR to issue licenses could not receive a commission for the donation. These provisions would apply to license applications beginning January 1, 2006.

The bill would create the "Sportsmen Against Hunger Fund", and require the DNR to transfer donations to the State Treasurer for deposit in the Fund. The DNR could spend money in the Fund, upon appropriation, only for one or both of the following:

- The costs of administering the Fund, including the costs of collecting donations.
- The administration of the Sportsmen Against Hunger Program, including, if applicable, the costs of a contract with a nonprofit organization to administer the program.

The bill would prohibit the DNR from incurring costs described above in excess of the amount in the Fund available to cover the costs.

The bill is tie-barred to House Bill 4071, which would require the DNR to implement the Sportsmen Against Hunger Program, collect donations of wild game, have it processed, and distribute it to food banks, soup kitchens, and other organizations that provide food to people free of charge, or contract with a nonprofit organization to administer the program.

Proposed MCL 324.43540c

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FISCAL IMPACT

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

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