

SENATE BILL No. 483

April 28, 2009, Introduced by Senators ALLEN, BARCIA and BIRKHOLZ and referred to the Committee on Hunting, Fishing and Outdoor Recreation.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 43523, 43528, and 43531 (MCL 324.43523, 324.43528, and 324.43531), as amended by 2008 PA 347.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 43523. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this part, a
2 person shall not hunt small game unless the person possesses a
3 current small game license. A small game license authorizes the
4 person named in the license to hunt for small game except for
5 animals or birds that require a special license.

6 (2) If authorized in an order issued under part 401, a
7 resident possessing a current small game license may take specified
8 fur-bearing animals by means other than trapping during the open

1 season for hunting these fur-bearing animals. However, a person who
2 goes on a bobcat hunt with a licensed hunter is not required to
3 possess a small game license if the person does not carry a
4 firearm, bow, or crossbow and does not own ~~or possess~~ dogs used to
5 chase or locate a bobcat during the hunt.

6 (3) The fee for a small game license is as follows:

7 (a) Subject to subdivision (b), for a resident, \$15.00.

8 (b) For a resident or nonresident minor child, \$1.00.

9 (c) Subject to subdivision (b), for a nonresident, \$69.00.

10 However, a nonresident may purchase a limited nonresident small
11 game license entitling that person to hunt for a 3-day period all
12 species of small game that are available to hunt under a
13 nonresident small game license. The fee for a limited nonresident
14 small game license is \$30.00.

15 (4) A small game license is void between the hours of 1/2 hour
16 after sunset and 1/2 hour before sunrise with the exception of
17 coyote hunting.

18 Sec. 43528. (1) A person shall not hunt bear unless the person
19 possesses a bear hunting license. However, a person who goes on a
20 bear hunt with a licensed hunter is not required to possess a bear
21 hunting license if the person does not carry a firearm, bow, or
22 crossbow and does not own ~~or possess~~ dogs used to chase or locate
23 bear during the hunt.

24 (2) The fee for a resident bear hunting license is ~~\$13.00.~~
25 ~~Beginning in 1999, the fee for a resident bear hunting license is~~
26 \$15.00. The fee for a nonresident bear hunting license is \$150.00.

27 (3) The department may issue a tag with, or as a part of, a

1 bear hunting license. Section 43526(2) applies with respect to a
2 bear hunting license.

3 (4) In addition to the license fees in subsection (2), the
4 department shall charge a nonrefundable application fee not to
5 exceed \$4.00 for each person who applies for a bear hunting
6 license.

7 Sec. 43531. (1) Except as otherwise provided in section
8 43523(2), a person shall not trap or hunt fur-bearing animals
9 unless the person possesses a fur harvester's license. However, a
10 person who goes on a bobcat hunt with a licensed hunter is not
11 required to possess a fur harvester's license if the person does
12 not carry a firearm, bow, or crossbow and does not own ~~or possess~~
13 dogs used to chase or locate a bobcat during the hunt.

14 (2) The fee for a resident fur harvester's license is \$15.00.
15 The fee for a resident or nonresident who is 12 years of age
16 through 16 years of age for a fur harvester's license shall be
17 discounted 50% from the cost of the resident fur harvester's
18 license.

19 (3) The department may issue a nonresident fur harvester's
20 license to a nonresident of this state if the state, province, or
21 country in which the nonresident applicant resides allows residents
22 of this state to obtain equivalent hunting and trapping privileges
23 in that state, province, or country. The fee for an eligible
24 nonresident fur harvester's license is \$150.00. Nonresident fur
25 harvester's licenses shall not be sold or purchased before November
26 15 of each year.

27 (4) A person who holds a fur harvester's license may hunt fur-

- 1 bearing animals during the season open to taking fur-bearing
- 2 animals with firearms and may trap fur-bearing animals during the
- 3 season open to trapping fur-bearing animals.