



Senate Fiscal Agency
P. O. Box 30036
Lansing, Michigan 48909-7536



BILL ANALYSIS

Telephone: (517) 373-5383
Fax: (517) 373-1986
TDD: (517) 373-0543

House Bill 4599 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Representative Randy Richardville
House Committee: Conservation and Outdoor Recreation
Senate Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would repeal the following local acts that prohibit or restrict hunting on Sunday:

- Local Act 2 of 1927, which prohibits hunting on the lands of another person on Sunday in Tuscola County.
- Local Act 1 of 1931, which prohibits hunting with firearms or dogs on Sunday in Lenawee County.
- Local Act 1 of 1935, which prohibits hunting with firearms or dogs on Sunday in Hillsdale County.
- Local Act 4 of 1939, which prohibits hunting with firearms or dogs on Sunday in St. Clair County. The Act does not apply to hunting waterfowl on Lake St. Clair or the St. Clair River.

A violation of any of the local acts is a misdemeanor subject to one of the following penalties:

- A fine of at least \$10 but not more than \$25, up to 30 days' imprisonment, or both (Local Act 2 of 1927).
- A maximum fine of \$25, up to 30 days' imprisonment, or both (Local Act 1 of 1931 and Local Act 4 of 1939).
- A maximum fine of \$100 and/or imprisonment for up to 90 days (Local Act 1 of 1935).

Each of the local acts had to be approved by the voters of the affected county.

Legislative Analyst: Claire Layman

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State government. The bill would have a minimal impact on local units of government since the prohibitions on Sunday hunting are not well enforced. There would be a slight reduction in fine revenue, which is distributed to local libraries, and in the costs of imprisonment and probation, depending on the sentences violators currently receive.

Date Completed: 10-2-03

Fiscal Analyst: Jessica Runnels