

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 5789**

A bill to make appropriations for the department of natural resources for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

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PART 1

LINE-ITEM APPROPRIATIONS

Sec. 101. There is appropriated for the department of natural resources for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023, from the following funds:

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**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**APPROPRIATION SUMMARY**

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Full-time equated unclassified positions	6.0
Full-time equated classified positions	2,354.9

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1	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>		<b>\$ 473,558,000</b>
2	Interdepartmental grant revenues:		
3	Total interdepartmental grants and		
4	intradepartmental transfers		203,100
5	<b>ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>		<b>\$ 473,354,900</b>
6	Federal revenues:		
7	Total federal revenues		93,499,900
8	Special revenue funds:		
9	Total local revenues		0
10	Total private revenues		7,039,200
11	Total other state restricted revenues		324,735,900
12	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>		<b>\$ 48,079,900</b>
13	<b>Sec. 102. DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION AND</b>		
14	<b>SUPPORT</b>		
15	Full-time equated unclassified positions	6.0	
16	Full-time equated classified positions	141.1	
17	Unclassified salaries--FTEs	6.0	\$ 900,500
18	Accounting service center		1,505,100
19	Executive direction--FTEs	11.6	2,307,900
20	Finance and operations--FTEs	105.5	17,567,900
21	Gifts and pass-through transactions		5,003,600
22	Legal services--FTEs	4.0	693,500
23	Minerals management--FTEs	20.0	3,031,700
24	Natural resources commission		77,100
25	Property management		4,334,300
26	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>		<b>\$ 35,421,600</b>
27	Appropriated from:		
28	Interdepartmental grant revenues:		



1	IDG, land acquisition services-to-work orders	203,100
2	Federal revenues:	
3	Federal funds	365,400
4	Special revenue funds:	
5	Private funds	5,003,600
6	Deer habitat reserve	162,900
7	Forest development fund	3,207,900
8	Forest land user charges	7,800
9	Forest recreation account	54,100
10	Game and fish protection fund	7,940,200
11	Land exchange facilitation and management fund	4,549,700
12	Local public recreation facilities fund	211,500
13	Marine safety fund	845,600
14	Michigan natural resources trust fund	1,416,700
15	Michigan state parks endowment fund	4,290,200
16	Michigan state waterways fund	877,300
17	Nongame wildlife fund	13,800
18	Off-road vehicle safety education fund	700
19	Off-road vehicle trail improvement fund	241,200
20	Park improvement fund	1,968,600
21	Public use and replacement deed fees	29,500
22	Recreation improvement account	85,700
23	Snowmobile registration fee revenue	50,300
24	Snowmobile trail improvement fund	127,900
25	Sportsmen against hunger fund	500
26	Turkey permit fees	80,000
27	Waterfowl fees	3,400
28	Wildlife resource protection fund	43,600



1	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>3,640,400</b>
2	<b>Sec. 103. DEPARTMENT INITIATIVES</b>			
3	Full-time equated classified positions	13.0		
4	Great Lakes restoration initiative		\$	2,905,300
5	Invasive species prevention and control--FTEs	13.0		5,101,600
6	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>8,006,900</b>
7	Appropriated from:			
8	Federal revenues:			
9	Federal funds			2,905,300
10	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>5,101,600</b>
11	<b>Sec. 104. COMMUNICATION AND CUSTOMER SERVICES</b>			
12	Full-time equated classified positions	137.3		
13	Marketing and outreach--FTEs	80.8	\$	15,245,700
14	Michigan historical center--FTEs	56.5		7,200,400
15	Michigan wildlife council campaign management			80,000
16	Michigan wildlife council media			936,000
17	Michigan wildlife council messaging and			
18	implementation			448,000
19	Michigan wildlife council research			136,000
20	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>24,046,100</b>
21	Appropriated from:			
22	Federal revenues:			
23	Federal funds			2,436,400
24	State park improvement, federal			320,000
25	Special revenue funds:			
26	Forest development fund			167,700
27	Forest recreation account			17,800
28	Game and fish protection fund			9,046,600



1	Land exchange facilitation and management fund		50,000
2	Marine safety fund		38,100
3	Michigan historical center operations fund		1,217,500
4	Michigan state parks endowment fund		116,200
5	Michigan state waterways fund		159,200
6	Nongame wildlife fund		11,200
7	Off-road vehicle trail improvement fund		46,400
8	Park improvement fund		3,069,400
9	Recreation passport fees		53,200
10	Snowmobile registration fee revenue		20,600
11	Snowmobile trail improvement fund		102,100
12	Sportsmen against hunger fund		250,000
13	Wildlife management public education fund		1,600,000
14	Youth hunting and fishing education and		
15	outreach fund		49,400
16	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,274,300</b>
17	<b>Sec. 105. WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT</b>		
18	Full-time equated classified positions	230.5	
19	Natural resources heritage--FTEs	9.0	\$ 645,200
20	Wildlife management--FTEs	221.5	46,765,000
21	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>47,410,200</b>
22	Appropriated from:		
23	Federal revenues:		
24	Federal funds		26,142,900
25	Special revenue funds:		
26	Private funds		315,700
27	Cervidae licensing and inspection fees		85,100
28	Deer habitat reserve		1,776,600



1	Forest development fund		277,600
2	Game and fish protection fund		12,556,000
3	Nongame wildlife fund		435,900
4	Pheasant hunting license fees		100,000
5	Turkey permit fees		1,049,300
6	Waterfowl fees		114,100
7	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,557,000</b>
8	<b>Sec. 106. FISHERIES MANAGEMENT</b>		
9	Full-time equated classified positions	223.5	
10	Aquatic resource mitigation--FTEs	2.0	\$ 636,000
11	Fish production--FTEs	63.0	10,707,500
12	Fisheries resource management--FTEs	158.5	22,155,300
13	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>33,498,800</b>
14	Appropriated from:		
15	Federal revenues:		
16	Federal funds		11,877,800
17	Special revenue funds:		
18	Private funds		136,700
19	Fisheries settlement		635,900
20	Game and fish protection fund		20,296,100
21	Invasive species fund		100
22	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>552,200</b>
23	<b>Sec. 107. LAW ENFORCEMENT</b>		
24	Full-time equated classified positions	293.0	
25	General law enforcement--FTEs	293.0	\$ 46,701,800
26	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>46,701,800</b>
27	Appropriated from:		
28	Federal revenues:		



1	Federal funds		6,921,000
2	Special revenue funds:		
3	Cervidae licensing and inspection fees		53,400
4	Forest development fund		45,400
5	Forest recreation account		72,800
6	Game and fish protection fund		20,917,900
7	Marine safety fund		1,358,200
8	Michigan state parks endowment fund		71,400
9	Michigan state waterways fund		21,700
10	Off-road vehicle safety education fund		166,900
11	Off-road vehicle trail improvement fund		2,247,100
12	Park improvement fund		72,800
13	Snowmobile registration fee revenue		725,300
14	Snowmobile trail improvement fund		400
15	Wildlife resource protection fund		1,121,100
16	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>12,906,400</b>
17	<b>Sec. 108. PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION</b>		
18	Full-time equated classified positions	980.0	
19	Forest recreation and trails--FTEs	62.9	\$ 7,632,300
20	MacMullan Conference Center--FTEs	15.0	1,226,100
21	Recreational boating--FTEs	176.6	22,441,200
22	State parks--FTEs	725.5	83,800,900
23	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>115,100,500</b>
24	Appropriated from:		
25	Federal revenues:		
26	Federal funds		144,700
27	Michigan state waterways fund, federal		1,698,100
28	Special revenue funds:		



1	Private funds		428,300
2	Forest recreation account		3,329,800
3	MacMullan Conference Center account		1,226,100
4	Michigan state parks endowment fund		11,426,900
5	Michigan state waterways fund		20,726,500
6	Off-road vehicle safety education fund		7,700
7	Off-road vehicle trail improvement fund		1,559,400
8	Park improvement fund		67,493,500
9	Park improvement fund - Belle Isle subaccount		1,201,800
10	Pure Michigan trails fund		100
11	Recreation improvement account		506,400
12	Recreation passport fees		220,300
13	Snowmobile registration fee revenue		16,700
14	Snowmobile trail improvement fund		1,696,800
15	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,417,400</b>
16	<b>Sec. 109. MACKINAC ISLAND STATE PARK COMMISSION</b>		
17	Full-time equated classified positions	17.0	
18	Historical facilities system--FTEs	13.0	\$ 1,887,300
19	Mackinac Island State Park operations--FTEs	4.0	340,300
20	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>		<b>\$ 2,227,600</b>
21	Appropriated from:		
22	Special revenue funds:		
23	Mackinac Island State Park fund		1,674,200
24	Mackinac Island State Park operation fund		134,400
25	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>419,000</b>
26	<b>Sec. 110. FOREST RESOURCES DIVISION</b>		
27	Full-time equated classified positions	319.5	
28	Adopt-a-forest program		\$ 25,000





1	Cooperative resource programs--FTEs	11.0	1,633,100
2	Forest fire equipment		931,500
3	Forest management and timber market		
4	development--FTEs	185.0	44,460,900
5	Forest management initiatives--FTEs	8.5	929,000
6	Wildfire protection--FTEs	115.0	15,332,500
7	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>		<b>\$ 63,312,000</b>
8	Appropriated from:		
9	Federal revenues:		
10	Federal funds		3,451,300
11	Federal national forest timber fund		9,087,300
12	Special revenue funds:		
13	Private funds		1,054,900
14	Commercial forest fund		26,200
15	Fire equipment fund		668,700
16	Forest development fund		40,987,000
17	Forest land user charges		241,200
18	Game and fish protection fund		812,000
19	Michigan state waterways fund		54,100
20	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>		<b>\$ 6,929,300</b>
21	<b>Sec. 111. GRANTS</b>		
22	Dam management grant program		\$ 350,000
23	Deer habitat improvement partnership initiative		200,000
24	Federal - clean vessel act grants		400,000
25	Federal - forest stewardship grants		2,000,000
26	Federal - land and water conservation fund		
27	payments		13,000,000
28	Federal - rural community fire protection		400,000



1	Federal - urban forestry grants	900,000
2	Fisheries habitat improvement grants	1,250,000
3	Grants to communities - federal oil, gas, and	
4	timber payments	3,450,000
5	Grants to counties - marine safety	3,074,700
6	National recreational trails	3,907,300
7	Nonmotorized trail development and maintenance	
8	grants	200,000
9	Off-road vehicle safety training grants	60,000
10	Off-road vehicle trail improvement grants	5,388,800
11	Recreation improvement fund grants	916,800
12	Recreation passport local grants	2,000,000
13	Snowmobile law enforcement grants	380,100
14	Snowmobile local grants program	8,090,400
15	Trail easements	2,200,000
16	Wildlife habitat improvement grants	1,502,500
17	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$ 49,670,600</b>
18	Appropriated from:	
19	Federal revenues:	
20	Federal funds	25,624,700
21	Special revenue funds:	
22	Private funds	100,000
23	Deer habitat reserve	200,000
24	Game and fish protection fund	2,752,500
25	Local public recreation facilities fund	2,000,000
26	Marine safety fund	1,407,300
27	Off-road vehicle safety education fund	60,000
28	Off-road vehicle trail improvement fund	5,388,800



1	Permanent snowmobile trail easement fund	2,200,000
2	Recreation improvement account	916,800
3	Snowmobile registration fee revenue	380,100
4	Snowmobile trail improvement fund	8,090,400
5	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>	<b>\$ 550,000</b>
6	<b>Sec. 112. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</b>	
7	Information technology services and projects	\$ 10,536,900
8	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$ 10,536,900</b>
9	Appropriated from:	
10	Special revenue funds:	
11	Commercial forest fund	2,100
12	Deer habitat reserve	61,600
13	Forest development fund	1,539,500
14	Forest land user charges	23,900
15	Forest recreation account	42,100
16	Game and fish protection fund	3,854,300
17	Land exchange facilitation and management fund	30,600
18	Marine safety fund	163,600
19	Michigan natural resources trust fund	22,300
20	Michigan state parks endowment fund	1,336,000
21	Michigan state waterways fund	502,300
22	Nongame wildlife fund	30,500
23	Off-road vehicle safety education fund	10,400
24	Off-road vehicle trail improvement fund	21,800
25	Park improvement fund	1,446,800
26	Pure Michigan trails fund	100
27	Recreation improvement account	48,900
28	Snowmobile registration fee revenue	11,600



1	Snowmobile trail improvement fund		74,400
2	Sportsmen against hunger fund		600
3	Turkey permit fees		33,800
4	Waterfowl fees		3,300
5	Wildlife resource protection fund		42,100
6	Youth hunting and fishing education and		
7	outreach fund		2,000
8	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,232,300</b>
9	<b>Sec. 113. CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>		
10	<b>(1) RECREATIONAL LANDS AND INFRASTRUCTURE</b>		
11	State game and wildlife area infrastructure	\$	1,400,000
12	State parks repair and maintenance		19,200,000
13	Wetland restoration, enhancement and		
14	acquisition		1,000,000
15	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>21,600,000</b>
16	Appropriated from:		
17	Federal revenues:		
18	Federal funds		1,050,000
19	Special revenue funds:		
20	Game and fish protection fund		350,000
21	Michigan state parks endowment fund		4,500,000
22	Recreation passport fees		13,200,000
23	Waterfowl hunt stamp		1,000,000
24	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,500,000</b>
25	<b>(2) WATERWAYS BOATING PROGRAM</b>		
26	Local boating infrastructure maintenance and		
27	improvements	\$	3,622,500
28	State boating infrastructure maintenance		8,852,500



1	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$ 12,475,000</b>
2	Appropriated from:	
3	Federal revenues:	
4	Federal funds	1,275,000
5	Michigan state waterways fund, federal	200,000
6	Special revenue funds:	
7	Michigan state waterways fund	11,000,000
8	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>
9	<b>Sec. 114. ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS</b>	
10	Body cameras for conservation officers	\$ 1,000,000
11	Chronic wasting disease testing	1,000,000
12	Equipment lifecycle replacement	1,550,000
13	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$ 3,550,000</b>
14	Appropriated from:	
15	Special revenue funds:	
16	Forest development fund	750,000
17	Game and fish protection fund	400,000
18	Park improvement fund	400,000
19	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>	<b>\$ 2,000,000</b>

PART 2

PROVISIONS CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS

FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

**GENERAL SECTIONS**

Sec. 201. Pursuant to section 30 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, total state spending from state resources under part 1 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023 is \$372,815,800.00 and state spending from state resources to be paid to local units of government for the fiscal year ending September



1 30, 2023 is \$10,092,700.00. The itemized statement below identifies  
 2 appropriations from which spending to local units of government  
 3 will occur:

4 <b>DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES</b>		
5	Dam management grant program	\$ 175,000
6	Fisheries habitat improvement grants	125,000
7	Grants to counties - marine safety	1,407,300
8	Invasive species prevention and control	1,900,000
9	Local boating infrastructure maintenance and	
10	improvements	3,622,500
11	Nonmotorized trail development and maintenance	
12	grants	100,000
13	Off-road vehicle safety training grants	60,000
14	Off-road vehicle trail improvement grants	808,300
15	Recreation improvement fund grants	91,700
16	Recreation passport local grants	2,000,000
17	Snowmobile law enforcement grants	380,100
18	Wildlife habitat improvement grants	150,300
19	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 10,092,700</b>

20 Sec. 202. The appropriations authorized under this part and  
 21 part 1 are subject to the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431,  
 22 MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594.

23 Sec. 203. As used in this part and part 1:

- 24 (a) "Department" means the department of natural resources.
- 25 (b) "Director" means the director of the department.
- 26 (c) "FTE" means full-time equated.
- 27 (d) "IDG" means interdepartmental grant.

28 Sec. 204. The department shall use the internet to fulfill the  
 29 reporting requirements of this part. This requirement shall include



1 transmission of reports via email to the recipients identified for  
2 each reporting requirement, or it shall include placement of  
3 reports on an internet site.

4 Sec. 205. To the extent permissible under section 261 of the  
5 management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1261, all of the  
6 following apply to funds appropriated in part 1:

7 (a) The funds must not be used for the purchase of foreign  
8 goods or services, or both, if competitively priced and of  
9 comparable quality American goods or services, or both, are  
10 available.

11 (b) Preference must be given to goods or services, or both,  
12 manufactured or provided by Michigan businesses if they are  
13 competitively priced and of comparable quality.

14 (c) Preference must be given to goods or services, or both,  
15 that are manufactured or provided by Michigan businesses owned and  
16 operated by veterans, if they are competitively priced and of  
17 comparable quality.

18 Sec. 206. The department shall not take disciplinary action  
19 against an employee of the department or departmental agency in the  
20 state classified civil service because the employee communicates  
21 with a member of the senate or house or his or her staff, unless  
22 the communication is prohibited by law and the department or agency  
23 taking disciplinary action is exercising its authority as provided  
24 by law.

25 Sec. 207. The department shall prepare a report on out-of-  
26 state travel expenses not later than January 1 of each year. The  
27 travel report shall be a listing of all travel by classified and  
28 unclassified employees outside this state in the immediately  
29 preceding fiscal year that was funded in whole or in part with



1 funds appropriated in the department's budget. The report shall be  
2 submitted to the senate and house appropriations committees, the  
3 senate and house fiscal agencies, and the state budget director.  
4 The report shall include the following information:

5 (a) The dates of each travel occurrence.

6 (b) The total transportation and related costs of each travel  
7 occurrence, including the proportion funded with state general  
8 fund/general purpose revenues, the proportion funded with state  
9 restricted revenues, the proportion funded with federal revenues,  
10 and the proportion funded with other revenues.

11 Sec. 208. Funds appropriated in part 1 shall not be used by  
12 the department to hire a person to provide legal services that are  
13 the responsibility of the attorney general. This prohibition does  
14 not apply to legal services for bonding activities and for those  
15 outside services that the attorney general authorizes.

16 Sec. 209. Not later than November 30, the state budget office  
17 shall prepare and transmit a report that provides for estimates of  
18 the total general fund/general purpose appropriation lapses at the  
19 close of the prior fiscal year. This report shall summarize the  
20 projected year-end general fund/general purpose appropriation  
21 lapses by major departmental program or program areas. The report  
22 shall be transmitted to the chairs of the senate and house  
23 appropriations committees, and the senate and house fiscal  
24 agencies.

25 Sec. 210. In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1,  
26 there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.00 for  
27 state restricted contingency authorization. These funds are not  
28 available for expenditure until they have been transferred to  
29 another line item in part 1 under section 393(2) of the management





1 and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

2 Sec. 211. The department shall cooperate with the department  
3 of technology, management, and budget to maintain a searchable  
4 website accessible by the public at no cost that includes, but is  
5 not limited to, all of the following for the department:

6 (a) Fiscal year-to-date expenditures by category.

7 (b) Fiscal year-to-date expenditures by appropriation unit.

8 (c) Fiscal year-to-date payments to a selected vendor,  
9 including the vendor name, payment date, payment amount, and  
10 payment description.

11 (d) The number of active department employees by job  
12 classification.

13 (e) Job specifications and wage rates.

14 Sec. 212. Within 14 days after the release of the executive  
15 budget recommendation, the department shall cooperate with the  
16 state budget office to provide the chairpersons of the senate and  
17 house appropriations committees, the chairpersons of the senate and  
18 house appropriations subcommittees on natural resources, and the  
19 senate and house fiscal agencies with an annual report on estimated  
20 state restricted fund balances, state restricted fund projected  
21 revenues, and state restricted fund expenditures for the prior 2  
22 fiscal years.

23 Sec. 213. The department shall maintain, on a publicly  
24 accessible website, a department scorecard that identifies, tracks,  
25 and regularly updates key metrics that are used to monitor and  
26 improve the department's performance.

27 Sec. 214. Total authorized appropriations from all sources  
28 under part 1 for legacy costs for the fiscal year ending September  
29 30, 2023 are estimated at \$41,796,900.00. From this amount, total



1 agency appropriations for pension-related legacy costs are  
2 estimated at \$25,376,200.00. Total agency appropriations for  
3 retiree health care legacy costs are estimated at \$16,420,700.00.

4 Sec. 215. To the extent permissible under the management and  
5 budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594, the director shall  
6 take all reasonable steps to ensure businesses in deprived and  
7 depressed communities compete for and perform contracts to provide  
8 services or supplies, or both. The director shall strongly  
9 encourage firms with which the department contracts to subcontract  
10 with certified businesses in depressed and deprived communities for  
11 services, supplies, or both.

12 Sec. 216. (1) On a quarterly basis, the department shall  
13 report to the senate and house appropriations committees, the  
14 senate and house appropriations subcommittees on natural resources,  
15 and the senate and house fiscal agencies the following information:

16 (a) The number of FTEs in pay status by type of staff and  
17 civil service classification.

18 (b) A comparison by line item of the number of FTEs authorized  
19 from funds appropriated in part 1 to the actual number of FTEs  
20 employed by the department at the end of the reporting period.

21 (2) By March 1 of the current fiscal year, the department  
22 shall report to the senate and house appropriations committees, the  
23 senate and house appropriations subcommittees on natural resources,  
24 and the senate and house fiscal agencies the following information:

25 (a) Number of employees that were engaged in remote work in  
26 2022.

27 (b) Number of employees authorized to work remotely and the  
28 actual number of those working remotely in the current reporting  
29 period.



1 (c) Estimated net cost savings achieved by remote work.

2 (d) Reduced use of office space associated with remote work.

3 Sec. 217. Appropriations in part 1 shall, to the extent  
4 possible for the department, not be expended until all existing  
5 work project authorization available for the same purpose is  
6 exhausted.

7 Sec. 218. If the state administrative board, acting under  
8 section 3 of 1921 PA 2, MCL 17.3, transfers funds from an amount  
9 appropriated under part 1, the legislature may, by a concurrent  
10 resolution adopted by a majority of the members elected to and  
11 serving in each house, intertransfer funds within part 1 for the  
12 particular department, board, commission, officer, or institution.

13 Sec. 219. The departments and agencies receiving  
14 appropriations in part 1 shall receive and retain copies of all  
15 reports funded from appropriations in part 1. Federal and state  
16 guidelines for short-term and long-term retention of records shall  
17 be followed. The department may electronically retain copies of  
18 reports unless otherwise required by federal and state guidelines.

19 Sec. 220. The department shall report no later than April 1 on  
20 each specific policy change made to implement a public act  
21 affecting the department that took effect during the prior calendar  
22 year to the senate and house appropriations committees, the senate  
23 and house subcommittees on natural resources, the joint committee  
24 on administrative rules, and the senate and house fiscal agencies.

25 Sec. 221. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the  
26 department shall do all of the following:

27 (a) Report to the house and senate appropriations committees,  
28 the house and senate fiscal agencies, the house and senate policy  
29 offices, and the state budget office any amount of severance pay



1 for a department director, deputy director, or other high-ranking  
 2 department official not later than 14 days after a severance  
 3 agreement with the director or official is signed. The name of the  
 4 director or official and the amount of severance pay must be  
 5 included in the report required by this subdivision.

6 (b) Maintain an internet site that posts any severance pay in  
 7 excess of 6 weeks of wages, regardless of the position held by the  
 8 former department employee receiving severance pay.

9 (c) By February 1, report to the house and senate  
 10 appropriations subcommittees on the department budget, the house  
 11 and senate fiscal agencies, the house and senate policy offices,  
 12 and the state budget office on the total amount of severance pay  
 13 remitted to former department employees during the fiscal year  
 14 ending September 30, 2022 and the total number of former department  
 15 employees that were remitted severance pay during the fiscal year  
 16 ending September 30, 2022.

17 (2) As used in this section, "severance pay" means  
 18 compensation that is both payable or paid upon the termination of  
 19 employment and in addition to either wages or benefits earned  
 20 during the course of employment or generally applicable retirement  
 21 benefits.

22 Sec. 222. (1) Any department, agency, board, commission, or  
 23 public officer that receives funding under part 1 shall not:

24 (a) Require as a condition of accessing any facility or  
 25 receiving services that an individual provide proof that he or she  
 26 has received a COVID-19 vaccine except as provided by federal law  
 27 or as a condition of receiving federal Medicare or Medicaid  
 28 funding.

29 (b) Produce, develop, issue, or require a COVID-19 vaccine



1 passport.

2 (c) Develop a database or make any existing database publicly  
3 available to access an individual's COVID-19 vaccine status by any  
4 person, company, or governmental entity.

5 (d) Require as a condition of employment that an employee or  
6 official provide proof that he or she has received a COVID-19  
7 vaccine. This subdivision does not apply to any hospital,  
8 congregate care facility, or other medical facility or any  
9 hospital, congregate care facility, or other medical facility  
10 operated by a local subdivision that receives federal Medicare or  
11 Medicaid funding.

12 (2) A department, agency, board, commission, or public officer  
13 may not subject any individual to any negative employment  
14 consequence, retaliation, or retribution because of that  
15 individual's COVID-19 vaccine status.

16 (3) Subsection (1) does not prohibit any person, department,  
17 agency, board, commission, or public officer from transmitting  
18 proof of an individual's COVID-19 vaccine status to any person,  
19 company, or governmental entity, so long as the individual provides  
20 affirmative consent.

21 (4) If a department, agency, board, commission, subdivision,  
22 or official or public officer is required to establish a vaccine  
23 policy due to a federal mandate, it must provide exemptions to any  
24 COVID-19 vaccine policy to the following individuals:

25 (a) An individual for whom a physician certifies that a COVID-  
26 19 vaccine is or may be detrimental to the individual's health or  
27 is not appropriate.

28 (b) An individual who provides a written statement to the  
29 effect that the requirements of the COVID-19 vaccine policy cannot



1 be met because of religious convictions or other consistently held  
2 objection to immunization.

3 (5) As used in this section, "public officer" means a person  
4 appointed by the governor or another executive department official  
5 or an elected or appointed official of this state or a political  
6 subdivision of this state.

7 Sec. 223. (1) In addition to the money appropriated in part 1,  
8 there is appropriated from the following state restricted funds up  
9 to the following amounts to the department of technology,  
10 management, and budget:

11	Game and fish protection fund	\$	575,600
12	Michigan state waterways fund		307,800
13	Park improvement fund		447,300
14	Forest development fund		307,800

15 (2) In addition to the money appropriated in part 1, there is  
16 appropriated from the following state restricted funds up to the  
17 following amounts to the attorney general:

18	Game and fish protection fund	\$	670,900
19	Michigan state waterways fund		148,700

20 (3) In addition to the money appropriated in part 1, there is  
21 appropriated from the following state restricted funds up to the  
22 following amounts to the legislative auditor general:

23	Game and fish protection fund	\$	34,800
24	Michigan state waterways fund		12,600

25 (4) In addition to the money appropriated in part 1, there is  
26 appropriated from the following state restricted funds up to the  
27 following amounts to the department of treasury:

28	Game and fish protection fund	\$	3,383,800
29	Michigan state waterways fund		408,900



1 Michigan natural resources trust fund 3,195,500

2 (5) In addition to the amounts appropriated in part 1,  
3 available resources from the following state restricted funds are  
4 appropriated to the civil service commission at the amount  
5 calculated for each fund pursuant to section 5 of article XI of the  
6 state constitution of 1963:

- 7 (a) Forest development fund.  
8 (b) Michigan conservation and recreation legacy fund.  
9 (c) Michigan natural resources trust fund.  
10 (d) Michigan state parks endowment fund.  
11 (e) Nongame wildlife fund.

12 Sec. 224. Pursuant to section 43703(3) of the natural  
13 resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL  
14 324.43703, there is appropriated from the game and fish protection  
15 trust fund to the game and fish protection account of the Michigan  
16 conservation and recreation legacy fund, \$6,000,000.00 for the  
17 fiscal year ending September 30, 2023.

18 Sec. 225. The department may contract with or provide grants  
19 to local units of government, institutions of higher education, or  
20 nonprofit organizations to support activities authorized by  
21 appropriations in part 1. As used in this section, contracts and  
22 grants include, but are not limited to, contracts and grants for  
23 research, wildlife and fisheries management, forest management,  
24 invasive species monitoring and control, and natural resource-  
25 related programs.

26 Sec. 240. An executive branch department, agency, board, or  
27 commission that receives funding under part 1 shall not permit a  
28 state employee who was not working remotely, either full-time or  
29 part-time, before February 28, 2020 to work remotely, either full-



1 time or part-time, during the current fiscal year.

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3 **DEPARTMENT INITIATIVES**

4 Sec. 251. From the amounts appropriated in part 1 for invasive  
5 species prevention and control, the department shall allocate not  
6 less than \$3,600,000.00 for grants for the prevention, detection,  
7 eradication, and control of invasive species.

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9 **DEPARTMENT SUPPORT SERVICES**

10 Sec. 302. The department may charge land acquisition projects  
11 appropriated for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023, and for  
12 prior fiscal years, a standard percentage fee to recover actual  
13 costs, and may use the revenue derived to support the land  
14 acquisition service charges provided for in part 1.

15 Sec. 303. As appropriated in part 1, the department may charge  
16 both application fees and transaction fees related to the exchange  
17 or sale of state-owned land or rights in land authorized by part 21  
18 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA  
19 451, MCL 324.2101 to 324.2165. The fees shall be set by the  
20 director at a rate that allows the department to recover its costs  
21 for providing these services.

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23 **COMMUNICATION AND CUSTOMER SERVICES**

24 Sec. 408. By October 21, the department shall submit to the  
25 senate and house appropriations subcommittees on natural resources  
26 a report on all land transactions approved by the natural resources  
27 commission in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022. For each  
28 land transaction, the report shall include the size of the parcel,  
29 the county and municipality in which the parcel is located, the





1 dollar amount of the transaction, the fund source affected by the  
2 transaction, and whether the transaction is by purchase, public  
3 auction, transfer, exchange, or conveyance.

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5 **WILDLIFE DIVISION**

6 Sec. 506. The United States Department of Agriculture,  
7 Wildlife Services, is encouraged to harvest all deer during  
8 targeted removal required under the enhanced wildlife biosecurity  
9 program.

10 Sec. 507. (1) With the authority vested in section 43521 of  
11 the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA  
12 451, MCL 324.43521, the department may discount the price of  
13 antlerless deer licenses to \$5.00 for deer management units 452 and  
14 487 to achieve a harvest or management objective for that species.

15 (2) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for wildlife  
16 management, up to \$505,000.00 from the general fund shall be  
17 credited to the game and fish protection account to supplant lost  
18 revenue that would otherwise be collected from full-price  
19 antlerless deer licenses sold for deer management units 452 and 487  
20 pursuant to the fees set in section 43527a of the natural resources  
21 and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.43527a, if  
22 not for the discount in subsection (1). The state budget director  
23 shall authorize the expenditure of these funds only upon  
24 confirmation of the license discount under subsection (1).

25 (3) The department may terminate the discount in subsection  
26 (1) once the lost revenue from that discount reaches \$505,000.00.

27 (4) If lost revenue from the discount in subsection (1) does  
28 not exceed \$505,000.00 by February 1, the department shall then  
29 terminate the discount in subsection (1) and allocate the remaining



1 funds to costs associated with testing for chronic wasting disease  
 2 deer that were harvested outside the areas designated by the  
 3 department as chronic wasting disease surveillance areas, where  
 4 sample collection sites are available.

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6 **FISHERIES DIVISION**

7 Sec. 601. (1) From the appropriation in part 1 for aquatic  
 8 resource mitigation, not more than \$758,000.00 shall be allocated  
 9 for grants to watershed councils, resource development councils,  
 10 soil conservation districts, local governmental units, and other  
 11 nonprofit organizations for stream habitat stabilization and soil  
 12 erosion control.

13 (2) The fisheries division in the department shall develop  
 14 priority and cost estimates for all projects recommended for grants  
 15 under subsection (1).

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17 **FOREST RESOURCES DIVISION**

18 Sec. 802. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the  
 19 department shall provide quarterly reports on the number of acres  
 20 of state forestland marked or treated for timber harvesting.

21 (2) The department shall complete and deliver these reports,  
 22 within 45 days after the end of each fiscal quarter, to the senate  
 23 and house appropriations subcommittees on natural resources and the  
 24 standing committees of the senate and house with primary  
 25 responsibility for natural resources issues. The report must  
 26 contain the following information:

27 (a) The number of acres prepared in the last quarter and the  
 28 year to date total.

29 (b) The number of acres sold in the last quarter and the year



1 to date total.

2 (c) The amount of revenue generated by the sale and harvesting  
3 of state land in the last quarter and the year to date total.

4 Sec. 803. In addition to the money appropriated in part 1, the  
5 department may receive and expend money from federal sources to  
6 provide response to wildfires and hazard incidents as required by a  
7 compact with the federal government. If additional expenditure  
8 authorization is required, the department shall notify the state  
9 budget office that expenditure under this section is required. The  
10 department shall notify the house and senate appropriations  
11 subcommittees on natural resources and the house and senate fiscal  
12 agencies by November 1 of the expenditures under this section  
13 during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022.

14 Sec. 807. (1) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1,  
15 there is appropriated from the disaster and emergency contingency  
16 fund up to \$800,000.00 to cover department costs related to any  
17 disaster as defined in section 2 of the emergency management act,  
18 1976 PA 390, MCL 30.402.

19 (2) Funds appropriated under subsection (1) shall not be  
20 expended unless the state budget director recommends the  
21 expenditure and the department notifies the house and senate  
22 committees on appropriations. By December 1 each year, the  
23 department shall provide a report to the senate and house fiscal  
24 agencies and the state budget office on the use of the disaster and  
25 emergency contingency fund during the prior fiscal year.

26 (3) If Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)  
27 reimbursement is approved for costs paid from the disaster and  
28 emergency contingency fund, the federal revenue shall be deposited  
29 into the disaster and emergency contingency fund.



1 (4) Unexpended and unencumbered funds remaining in the  
2 disaster and emergency contingency fund at the close of the fiscal  
3 year shall not lapse to the general fund and shall be carried  
4 forward and be available for expenditures in subsequent fiscal  
5 years.

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7 **LAW ENFORCEMENT**

8 Sec. 901. The appropriation in part 1 for snowmobile law  
9 enforcement grants shall be used by the department to provide  
10 grants to county law enforcement agencies to enforce part 821 of  
11 the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA  
12 451, MCL 324.82101 to 324.82161, including rules promulgated under  
13 that part and ordinances enacted pursuant to that part. The  
14 department shall consider the number of enforcement hours and the  
15 number of miles of snowmobile trails in each county in allocating  
16 these grants. Any funds not distributed to counties revert back to  
17 the snowmobile registration fee subaccount created under section  
18 82111 of the natural resources and environmental protection act,  
19 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.82111. Counties shall provide semiannual  
20 reports to the department on the use of grant money received under  
21 this section.

22 Sec. 902. The department shall provide a report on the marine  
23 safety grant program to the senate and house appropriations  
24 subcommittees on natural resources and the senate and house fiscal  
25 agencies by December 1. The report shall include the following  
26 information for the preceding year: the total amount of revenue  
27 received for watercraft registrations, the amount deposited into  
28 the marine safety fund, and the expenditures made from the marine  
29 safety fund, including the amounts expended for department



1 administration, other state agencies, the law enforcement division,  
 2 and grants to counties. The report shall also include the  
 3 distribution methodology used by the department to distribute the  
 4 marine safety grants and a list of the grants and the amounts  
 5 awarded by county.

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7 **GRANTS**

8 Sec. 1001. Federal pass-through funds to local institutions  
 9 and governments that are received in amounts in addition to those  
 10 included in part 1 for grants to communities - federal oil, gas,  
 11 and timber payments and that do not require additional state  
 12 matching funds are appropriated for the purposes intended. By  
 13 November 30, the department shall report to the senate and house  
 14 appropriations subcommittees on natural resources, the senate and  
 15 house fiscal agencies, and the state budget director on all amounts  
 16 appropriated under this section during the fiscal year ending  
 17 September 30, 2022.

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19 **CAPITAL OUTLAY**

20 Sec. 1103. The appropriations in part 1 for capital outlay  
 21 shall be carried forward at the end of the fiscal year consistent  
 22 with section 248 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL  
 23 18.1248.

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25 **ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS**

26 Sec. 1201. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for chronic  
 27 wasting disease (CWD) testing, before the 2023 deer hunting season,  
 28 the department shall make at least 1 CWD check station or drop  
 29 station available during any deer season in any county that is



1 included in a core CWD area, a CWD management zone, or a core CWD  
2 surveillance area.

