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TO: Natural Resources Commission

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SUBJECT: Department of Natural Resources (Department) Legislative Update

HB 6354 (H-5) – Eliminates Natural Resources Commission Authority to Issue an Order Requiring a Hunter to Report the Harvest of Deer – Rep. Hoitenga

This bill as introduced amended Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to eliminate the misdemeanor penal code violation for not reporting a deer harvest or not retaining a deer harvest confirmation number. The H-5 version removed the penalty language entirely from the introduced version. Instead, HB 6354 (H-5), as enrolled, would prohibit the Natural Resources Commission from issuing an order or interim order requiring hunters to report the harvest of deer or retain the harvest confirmation for that deer unless it is taken under a deer damage shooting permit or a disease control permit.

- The bill was passed by the House and Senate and vetoed by the Governor.
- The Administration is opposed to the H-5 version of the legislation.

HB 6398 and Senate Bill 1172 – Modify Definition of a Peace Officer in the Mental Health Code – Rep. Cherry and Sen. Chang

These bills are identical bills and would amend the Mental Health Code, Act 258 of 1974, to modify the definition of a peace officer by adding an officer or agency who is licensed under the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES), Act 203 of 1965. The changes to this bill would allow an expansion of officers, including Conservation Officers, able to engage with a person requiring treatment under the Mental Health Code.

- House Bill 6398 has been referred to the House Committee on Health Policy. Senate Bill 1172 has been referred to the Senate Committee on Health Policy and Human Services.
- The Administration has not yet taken a position on this legislation.