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TO: Natural Resources Commission

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SUBJECT: Department of Natural Resources (Department) Legislative Update

SB 52 – Eliminate Penal Code Violation for Not Reporting a Deer Harvest within 72 Hours – Sen. Cherry

This bill amends 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 bill has passed the Senate and House and is awaiting the Governor's signature.
- The Administration is in support of this legislation.

SB 59 – Modify Definition of a Peace Officer in the Mental Health Code – Sen. Cherry

This bill 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.

- The bill has passed the Senate and House and is awaiting the Governor's signature.
- The Administration is in support of this legislation.

SBs 103, 104, 105 – Provide Regulations for Commercial Hunting and Sport Fishing Guides – Sens. Cherry, Daley and McCann

These bills would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to provide for the licensure and regulation of commercial hunting and sport fishing guides and to provide the Natural Resources Commission with the exclusive authority to regulate hunting and fishing guides.

- The bill has passed the Senate, and has been referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources, Environment, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation
- The Administration is in support this legislation.

HB 4515 – Removes sunset on ORV License Fees – Rep. Hill

This bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to remove the sunset on ORV License Fees.

- The bill passed the House and was referred to the Senate Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.
- The Administration is in support of this legislation.