## Policy Changes to Implement 2021 Public Acts

Prepared for the Michigan Senate and House Appropriations Committees, the Senate and House Committees on Natural Resources, the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, and the Senate and House Fiscal Agencies

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The Department of Natural Resources (DNR or Department), in accordance with Section 220 of Public Act 87 of 2021, has prepared this Policy Changes to Implement 2021 Public Acts report. The Act states:

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

With the exception of appropriations bills, there were four bills that the Department was either lead agency on and/or impacted Department activities that became law in calendar year 2021. Following enactment, the Department made policy changes or took other actions to implement those acts where necessary. The following chart lists the changes made to implement each act as of March 31, 2022.

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2021 Public Act	Bill	Act Description	Policy Changes
6	HB 4126	Natural resources: hunting; pheasant stamp program; modify. Amends sec. 43525c of 1994 PA 451 (MCL 324.43525c).	No DNR policy changes were required.
33	HB 4050	Civil rights: public records; certain data relating to location of game; exempt from freedom of information act requests. Amends sec. 13 of 1976 PA 442 (MCL 15.243).	The DNR provided guidance to necessary staff on the new exemption prescribed in statute relating to location of game and the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The DNR also updated the FOIA database templates with appropriate denial exemption language.
75	НВ 4980	Traffic control: speed restrictions; drag racing; make prohibition of inapplicable to scramble area at Silver Lake State Park.  Amends sec. 626a of 1949 PA 300 (MCL 257.626a).	The DNR created and posted online information explaining that PA 75 of 2021 exempts the Silver Lake scramble area from the restrictions contained in the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code (MCL 257.626a). The notice further explains that while drag racing is now a legal activity in this location, all other rules and laws still apply. See DNR webpage DNR - Silver Lake State Park ORV Area (michigan.gov).
96	HB 4026	Vehicles: registration; issuance of 2-year recreation passport; provide for under certain circumstances. Amends sec. 805 of 1949 PA 300 (MCL 257.805).	The DNR provided guidance to necessary staff advising of the ability for residents to acquire a 2-year vehicle registration and 2-year Recreation Passport, as well as the effective date of this change being October 1, 2022. The DNR will be obtaining implementation information from the Michigan Secretary of State to update its Recreation Passport policy.