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**HB 4313 (S-1) – Create a Pheasant Stamp – Rep. Howell**

This bill amends the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection act by creating an annual pheasant hunting license. The annual license would cost \$25.00 and would require all hunters to also have the base hunting license. The following individuals would be exempt from the license: those hunting on a game bird preserve; those hunting on private land unless on land enrolled in the hunting access program; those hunting public land in the Upper Peninsula; and those with lifetime hunting licenses. The legislation requires the Department to deposit funds into a newly created subaccount and use all the money received from the license to release pheasants on lands managed.

- This bill was passed by the House of Representative and Senate and signed into law by the Governor as Public Act 262 of 2020.

**House Bills 5002 and 5003 – Youth Fishing License – Reps. Howell and Brixie**

This bill package would reinstitute a \$2.00 fee for resident and nonresident youth under 17 years of age who wish to obtain an all-species fishing license. Youth under 17, would still be allowed to fish in Michigan without a license. However, youth under 17 who wish to purchase an all-species fishing license, would once again be able to do so for a \$2.00 fee.

- The bills were passed by the House of Representatives and Senate and signed by the Governor as Public Acts 270 and 271 of 2020.

**HB 5333 (H-1) – Place Restrictions on Forest Development Fund Monies – Rep. Markkanen**

This bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of 1994, to prohibit the use of Forest Development Funds for certain administrative costs or for making PILT payments.

- The bill was passed by the House of Representatives and Senate and Signed by the Governor as Public Act 287 of 2020.