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House File 394

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By COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME.

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend chapter one hundred nine (109), Code 1946, relating to fish and game conservation, and chapter one hundred ten (110), Code 1946, relating to fish and game licenses.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 Section 1. Section one hundred nine point ninety-two,
2 (109.92), Code 1946, is amended as follows:

3 1. Amend section one hundred nine point ninety-two
4 (109.92), Code 1946, by striking the third paragraph in its
5 entirety.

1 Sec. 2. Amend chapter one hundred nine (109), Code 1946,
2 by adding the following:

3 "No skin, fur or hide of or any part thereof of any fur-
4 bearing animal named in section one hundred nine point eighty-
5 seven (109.87) taken from the wild in Iowa shall be shipped,
6 transported or carried outside of the state nor shall any such
7 skin, fur or hide or any part thereof be tanned or finally
8 processed except upon payment of the following impost to the
9 state of Iowa. Said impost to be collected from the trapper
10 or original seller.

11 "For each badger, raccoon, skunk, opossum, civet cat, red

12 fox, gray fox, weasel, ground hog, wolf, coyote or muskrat—
13 ten cents (10c) ; for each mink—fifty cents (50c) ; and each
14 beaver—one dollar (\$1.00).

15 “Payment of the aforesaid impost shall not apply to furs
16 or skins purchased by licensed fur dealers or processors from
17 lawful sources outside of the state.

18 “Each fur dealer or processor shall keep a record of every
19 purchase or sale or processing of raw furs showing the name,
20 and address of buyer and seller, the date, the number and the
21 kind of fur in each transaction, and the trapping license
22 number. Such records shall be available for inspection by the
23 state conservation director or his agents at any reasonable time
24 or date.

25 “Each fur dealer or processor shall, on or before April 1
26 of each year, remit to the Iowa state conservation commission
27 the sum of money provided for under this section.

28 “Failure to comply with the provisions of this section
29 shall constitute a misdemeanor and each fur, skin or hide
30 shipped, transported, carried, tanned or processed in violation
31 of this section shall constitute a separate offense.”

1 Sec. 3. Section one hundred ten point one (110.1), Code
2 1946, is hereby amended by striking from lines fifty-two (52)
3 and fifty-three (53) the following: “using not more than
4 fifteen (15) traps”.

5 Further amend by striking all of lines fifty-four (54),
6 fifty-five (55) and fifty-six (56) of said section.

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 394

In the past the revenue from furs has not been sufficient to take care of their management, and has only provided about one-sixth of the money spent in policing and the management of fur production areas. The proposed change provides for increased revenue by placing an impost on all furs before they are finally processed or shipped out of the state. It is estimated that this will produce a revenue of approximately \$90,000 from our two million dollar fur industry. This impost is in the nature of a direct levy against each skin rather than on a percentage basis; a percentage basis not being practical as there would be no means of determining the price of skins that were shipped out of the state, or on furs that were processed within the state.

The amendment to section 110.1 merely removes the trap-tag requirements in trapping fur bearing animals.