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NATURAL RESOURCES

HOUSE FILE 337

BY ARNOLD

Passed House, Date _____ Passed Senate, Date _____

Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____ Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the daily catch and possession limits for
2 crappies and subjecting violators to an existing penalty.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 481A.67, Code 2001, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 481A.67 SEASONS AND LIMITS.

4 It is unlawful for a person, except as otherwise expressly
5 provided, to take, capture, or kill fish, frogs, or turtles
6 except during the open season established by the commission.
7 It is unlawful during open season to take in any one day an
8 amount in excess of the daily catch limit designated for each
9 variety or each locality, or have in possession any variety of
10 fish, frog, or turtle in excess of the possession limit, or
11 have in possession any frog, fish, or turtle at any time under
12 the minimum length or weight. The open season, possession
13 limit, daily catch limit, and the minimum length or weight for
14 each variety of fish, frog, or turtle shall be established by
15 rule of the department or commission under the authority of
16 sections 456A.24, 481A.38, 481A.39 and 482.1. However, unless
17 a lower catch limit or possession limit is set by rule for
18 crappies in a locality, the daily catch limit shall be twenty-
19 five and the possession limit shall be seventy-five.

20 EXPLANATION

21 This bill sets a daily catch limit of 25 and a possession
22 limit of 75 for crappies unless a lower limit is set by rule
23 of the natural resource commission. A lower catch and
24 possession limit of 15 crappies is currently set by rule for
25 certain border lakes in the counties of Dickinson, Emmet,
26 Kossuth, and Osceola. The scheduled fine in Code section
27 805.8, subsection 5, paragraph "i", for a general violation is
28 \$25 and an over limit catch violation is \$30.

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