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NATURAL RESOURCES

HOUSE FILE 361
BY JENKINS

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the imposition of a fish keeping license fee
2 and subjecting violators to an existing penalty and providing
3 effective and applicability dates.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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HF 361

1 Section 1. Section 483A.1, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
2 2001, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. Fishing license, catch and release \$ 10.50

4 Sec. 2. Section 483A.1, subsection 1, Code 2001, is
5 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

6 NEW PARAGRAPH. aa. Fishing license, fish keeping
7 \$15.50

8 Sec. 3. Section 483A.1, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code
9 2001, is amended to read as follows:

10 a. Fishing license, catch and release \$ 22.50

11 Sec. 4. Section 483A.1, subsection 2, Code 2001, is
12 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

13 NEW PARAGRAPH. aa. Fishing license, fish keeping
14 \$ 33.50

15 Sec. 5. Section 483A.1, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code
16 2001, is amended to read as follows:

17 a. Fishing, seven-day license, catch and release
18 \$ 8.50

19 Sec. 6. Section 483A.1, subsection 3, Code 2001, is
20 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

21 NEW PARAGRAPH. aa. Fishing, seven-day, fish keeping
22 \$ 16.50

23 Sec. 7. NEW SECTION. 483A.6A FISH KEEPING LICENSE FEE.

24 1. Except as provided in subsection 2, a person who is
25 licensed or authorized to fish in this states shall not keep
26 or possess a fish unless that person has paid a fish keeping
27 license fee as provided in section 483A.1. A resident or
28 nonresident minor who is not required to have a fishing
29 license shall also pay the fish keeping license fee unless the
30 minor is fishing with a licensed adult who has paid the fish
31 keeping license fee and their combined catch is limited to the
32 daily limit established by the commission. The proceeds from
33 the fee shall be credited to the state fish and game
34 protection fund.

35 2. Subsection 1 does not apply to persons who release the

1 fish after each catch, to persons who are fishing for trout in
2 compliance with sections 483A.6 and 483A.24, subsection 5, or
3 to persons who are authorized fishing privileges pursuant to
4 section 483A.24, subsection 6, 9, 12, 13, or 14, or section
5 483A.38.

6 Sec. 8. EFFECTIVE AND APPLICABILITY DATES. This Act takes
7 effect December 15, 2001, and applies to fish keeping fees for
8 the years beginning on or after January 1, 2002.

9 EXPLANATION

10 This bill establishes a fish keeping license fee which must
11 be paid if a person wishes to keep the fish caught. The fee
12 is \$15.50 for a resident season license holder, \$33.50 for a
13 nonresident license holder, and \$16.50 for a resident or
14 nonresident seven-day license holder. The fish keeping
15 license fee is also required of resident and nonresident
16 minors who are not required to have a fishing license unless
17 the minors are fishing with a licensed adult who has paid the
18 fish keeping license fee and their combined catch is within
19 the established daily catch limit. The proceeds of the fish
20 keeping license fee shall be credited to the state fish and
21 game protection fund.

22 The fish keeping license fee does not apply to persons who
23 catch and release the fish, to persons who are fishing for
24 trout, to persons who receive special fishing licenses because
25 of severe mental or physical disabilities, to patients of
26 substance abuse facilities, residents of health care
27 facilities, to persons cared for in juvenile shelter care
28 homes, to disabled veterans and veterans who were prisoners of
29 war and who have purchased lifetime combined hunting and
30 fishing licenses, to persons with permanent disabilities whose
31 income falls below the federal poverty guidelines, or persons
32 65 years of age or older whose income falls below the federal
33 poverty guidelines, or to persons who are participating in the
34 annual free fishing days established by the natural resource
35 commission.

1 The penalty for a violation is a scheduled fine of \$100
2 under Code section 483A.42.

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4 fish keeping license fees for the years beginning on or after
5 January 1, 2002.

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