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HOUSE FILE 618  
BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 337)

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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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HF 618

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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## HOUSE FILE 618

## H-1343

1 Amend House File 618 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, by inserting after line 19 the  
3 following:

4 "Sec. \_\_\_\_ Section 481A.68, subsection 2, Code  
5 2001, is amended to read as follows:

6 2. A person shall not use more than three tip-up  
7 fishing devices for fishing in the waters of the  
8 Mississippi river, the Missouri river, and the Big  
9 Sioux river, and ~~its~~ their ~~connected backwater~~  
10 backwaters. A person may use two or three hooks on  
11 the same line, but the total number of hooks used by  
12 each person shall not exceed three. Each tip-up  
13 fishing device used in fishing shall have attached a  
14 tag plainly labeled with the owner's name and address.  
15 A person shall not use a tip-up fishing device for  
16 fishing within three hundred feet of a dam or spillway  
17 or in a part of the river which is closed or posted  
18 against use of the device. Three tip-up fishing  
19 devices may be used in addition to the two lines with  
20 no more than two hooks per line, as specified in  
21 section 481A.72."

22 2. Title page, line 1, by inserting after the  
23 word "to" the following: "fishing by authorizing the  
24 use of tip-up fishing devices in certain waters of the  
25 state, providing for".

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