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State of Minnesota  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-EIGHTH SESSION

H. F. No. **1814**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to game and fish; establishing an angling guide license requirement;  
1.3 requiring rulemaking; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 97A.475,  
1.4 subdivision 15; 97C.311, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in  
1.5 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 97C.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97A.475, subdivision 15, is amended to  
1.8 read:

1.9 Subd. 15. **Fishing guides.** (a) The fee for a license to operate a charter boat and  
1.10 guide anglers on Lake Superior or the St. Louis River Estuary is:

1.11 (1) for a resident, \$125;

1.12 (2) for a nonresident, \$400; or

1.13 (3) if another state charges a Minnesota resident a fee greater than \$440 for a Lake  
1.14 Superior or St. Louis River Estuary fishing guide license in that state, the nonresident fee  
1.15 for a resident of that state is that greater fee.

1.16 (b) The fee for a license to guide anglers on waters of the state other than Lake  
1.17 Superior or the St. Louis River Estuary is:

1.18 (1) for a resident, \$.....; or

1.19 (2) for a nonresident, \$.....

1.20 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97C.311, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.21 Subdivision 1. **License required.** A person may not operate a charter boat and  
1.22 guide anglers on Lake Superior or the St. Louis River Estuary for compensation without  
1.23 a Lake Superior fishing guide license issued under this section. For purposes of this  
1.24 subdivision and section 97A.475, subdivision 15, "St. Louis River Estuary" means the

2.1 United States Coast Guard navigable waters of the lower St. Louis River to the Minnesota  
2.2 State Highway No. 23 bridge.

2.3 Sec. 3. **[97C.313] FISHING GUIDE LICENSE.**

2.4 Subdivision 1. **License required.** A person may not guide anglers on waters of the  
2.5 state for compensation without a fishing guide license issued under this section.

2.6 Subd. 2. **Rules.** The commissioner shall adopt rules for:

2.7 (1) issuance of the licenses, including qualifications for licensees; and

2.8 (2) record keeping and reporting by licensees.

2.9 Subd. 3. **Exemption.** A person with a license issued under section 97C.311 is  
2.10 exempt from the requirements of this section when on Lake Superior or the St. Louis  
2.11 River Estuary, but may not guide on other waters of the state without a valid license  
2.12 issued under this section.