

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to natural resources; allowing up to 20 percent of minnows imported for
1.3 aquatic farms to be sold as bait; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section
1.4 97C.515, subdivision 4.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 97C.515, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 4. **Private fish hatchery or aquatic farm.** (a) A person with a private fish
1.8 hatchery or aquatic farm license may transport minnows with a transportation permit from
1.9 contiguous states to the private fish hatchery or aquatic farm, provided at least 80 percent
1.10 of the minnows are used for processing or feeding hatchery fish. Up to 20 percent of all
1.11 minnows imported under this subdivision may be sold for bait. Any minnows sold as
1.12 bait must not be on the official list of viral hemorrhagic septicemia susceptible species
1.13 published by the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health
1.14 Inspection Services.

1.15 (b) The commissioner may require inspection of minnows and disease certification
1.16 for species on the official list of viral hemorrhagic septicemia susceptible species
1.17 published by the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health
1.18 Inspection Services, that are being transported from outside the state.

1.19 (c) The commissioner may approve the import of minnows into areas or waters
1.20 where certifiable diseases have been identified as being present.