

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to game and fish; modifying youth fishing license requirements;
1.3 increasing certain fishing license fees for residents; amending Minnesota
1.4 Statutes 2008, sections 97A.475, subdivisions 6, 8; 97A.485, subdivision 6;
1.5 Minnesota Statutes 2009 Supplement, sections 97A.451, subdivision 2; 97A.475,
1.6 subdivision 7.

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

1.8 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2009 Supplement, section 97A.451, subdivision 2,
1.9 is amended to read:

1.10 Subd. 2. **Residents under age ~~16~~ 18; fishing.** (a) A resident under the age of ~~16~~
1.11 18 years may take fish without a license.

1.12 (b) A resident under the age of ~~16~~ 18 may net ciscoes and whitefish for personal
1.13 consumption without the license required under section 97A.475, subdivision 13. A
1.14 resident netting ciscoes and whitefish under this paragraph must follow all other applicable
1.15 requirements for netting ciscoes and whitefish for personal consumption.

1.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2011.

1.17 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 97A.475, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

1.18 Subd. 6. **Resident fishing.** (a) Before March 1, 2015, fees for the following
1.19 licenses, to be issued to residents only, are:

1.20 (1) to take fish by angling, ~~\$17~~ \$21;

1.21 (2) to take fish by angling, for a combined license for a married couple, ~~\$25~~ \$31;

1.22 (3) to take fish by spearing from a dark house, ~~\$17~~ \$10; and

1.23 (4) to take fish by angling for a 24-hour period selected by the licensee, ~~\$8.50~~ \$9.

2.1 (b) On March 1, 2015, and thereafter, fees for the following licenses, to be issued to
2.2 residents only, are:

2.3 (1) to take fish by angling, \$25;

2.4 (2) to take fish by angling, for a combined license for a married couple, \$37;

2.5 (3) to take fish by spearing from a dark house, \$10; and

2.6 (4) to take fish by angling for a 24-hour period selected by the licensee, \$9.

2.7 (c) At least ten percent of the additional revenue from resident license fee increases
2.8 after March 1, 2011, shall be available for fish stocking programs.

2.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2011.

2.10 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2009 Supplement, section 97A.475, subdivision 7, is
2.11 amended to read:

2.12 Subd. 7. **Nonresident fishing.** (a) Fees for the following licenses, to be issued
2.13 to nonresidents, are:

2.14 (1) to take fish by angling, ~~\$37.50~~ \$38;

2.15 (2) to take fish by angling limited to seven consecutive days selected by the licensee,
2.16 ~~\$26.50~~ \$27;

2.17 (3) to take fish by angling for a 72-hour period selected by the licensee, \$22;

2.18 (4) to take fish by angling for a combined license for a family for one or both parents
2.19 and dependent children under the age of 16, ~~\$50.50~~ \$51;

2.20 (5) to take fish by angling for a 24-hour period selected by the licensee, ~~\$8.50~~ \$9;

2.21 (6) to take fish by angling for a combined license for a married couple, limited to 14
2.22 consecutive days selected by one of the licensees, ~~\$38.50~~ \$39; and

2.23 (7) to take fish by spearing from a dark house, ~~\$37.50~~ \$20.

2.24 (b) A \$2 surcharge shall be added to all nonresident fishing licenses, except licenses
2.25 issued under paragraph (a), clause (5). An additional commission may not be assessed
2.26 on this surcharge.

2.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2011.

2.28 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 97A.475, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

2.29 Subd. 8. **Minnesota sporting.** (a) The commissioner shall issue Minnesota sporting
2.30 licenses to residents only. The licensee may take fish by angling and small game.

2.31 (b) Before March 1, 2015, the fee for the license is:

2.32 (1) for an individual, ~~\$23~~ \$26; and

3.1 (2) for a combined license for a married couple to take fish and for one spouse to
3.2 take small game, ~~\$32~~ \$37.

3.3 (c) On March 1, 2015, and thereafter, the fee for the license is:

3.4 (1) for an individual, \$29; and

3.5 (2) for a combined license for a married couple to take fish and for one spouse
3.6 to take small game, \$42.

3.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2011.

3.8 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 97A.485, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

3.9 Subd. 6. **Licenses to be sold and issuing fees.** (a) Persons authorized to sell
3.10 licenses under this section must issue the following licenses for the license fee and the
3.11 following issuing fees:

3.12 (1) to take deer or bear with firearms and by archery, the issuing fee is ~~\$1~~ \$2;

3.13 (2) Minnesota sporting, the issuing fee is ~~\$1~~ \$2;

3.14 (3) to take small game, to take fish by angling or by spearing, and to trap fur-bearing
3.15 animals, the issuing fee is ~~\$1~~ \$2;

3.16 (4) for a stamp validation that is not issued simultaneously with a license, an issuing
3.17 fee of ~~50 cents~~ \$1 may be charged at the discretion of the authorized seller;

3.18 (5) for stamp validations issued simultaneously with a license, there is no fee;

3.19 (6) for licenses, seals, tags, or coupons issued without a fee under section 97A.441 or
3.20 97A.465, an issuing fee of ~~50 cents~~ \$1 may be charged at the discretion of the authorized
3.21 seller;

3.22 (7) for lifetime licenses, there is no fee; and

3.23 (8) for all other licenses, permits, renewals, or applications or any other transaction
3.24 through the electronic licensing system under this chapter or any other chapter when an
3.25 issuing fee is not specified, an issuing fee of ~~50 cents~~ \$1 may be charged at the discretion
3.26 of the authorized seller.

3.27 (b) Only one issuing fee may be collected when selling more than one stamp in the
3.28 same transaction after the end of the season for which the stamp was issued.

3.29 (c) The agent shall keep the issuing fee as a commission for selling the licenses.

3.30 (d) The commissioner shall collect the issuing fee on licenses sold by the
3.31 commissioner.

3.32 (e) A license, except stamps, must state the amount of the issuing fee and that the
3.33 issuing fee is kept by the seller as a commission for selling the licenses.

3.34 (f) For duplicate licenses, including licenses issued without a fee, the issuing fees are:

3.35 (1) for licenses to take big game, ~~75 cents~~ \$1.50; and

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4.1 (2) for other licenses, ~~50 cents~~ \$1.

4.2 (g) The commissioner ~~may~~ shall issue one-day angling licenses in books of ten
4.3 licenses each to fishing guides operating charter boats upon receipt of payment of all
4.4 license fees, excluding the issuing fee required under this section. Copies of sold and
4.5 unsold licenses shall be returned to the commissioner. The commissioner shall refund the
4.6 charter boat captain for the license fees of all unsold licenses. Copies of sold licenses shall
4.7 be maintained by the commissioner for one year.

4.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2011.