

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to game and fish; eliminating dark house spearing license; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 97A.441, subdivision 1; 97A.475, subdivision
1.4 6; 97C.301, subdivision 3; Minnesota Statutes 2009 Supplement, sections
1.5 97A.473, subdivision 1; 97A.4742, subdivision 1; 97A.475, subdivision 7;
1.6 repealing Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 97A.451, subdivision 7; Minnesota
1.7 Statutes 2009 Supplement, section 97A.473, subdivisions 2a, 2b, 5a.

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

1.9 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 97A.441, subdivision 1, is amended to
1.10 read:

1.11 Subdivision 1. **Angling and spearing; disabled residents.** Licenses to take fish by
1.12 angling ~~or spearing~~ shall be issued without a fee to a resident who is:

1.13 (1) blind;

1.14 (2) a recipient of supplemental security income for the aged, blind, and disabled;

1.15 (3) a recipient of Social Security aid to the disabled under United States Code, title
1.16 42, section 416, paragraph (i)(1) or section 423(d);

1.17 (4) a recipient of workers' compensation based on a finding of total and permanent
1.18 disability; or

1.19 (5) 65 years of age or older and was qualified under clause (2) or (3) at the age of 64.

1.20 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2009 Supplement, section 97A.473, subdivision 1, is
1.21 amended to read:

1.22 Subdivision 1. **Resident lifetime licenses authorized.** (a) The commissioner may
1.23 issue a lifetime angling license, ~~a lifetime spearing license, a lifetime angling and spearing~~
1.24 ~~license~~, a lifetime small game hunting license, a lifetime firearm or archery deer hunting

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2.1 license, or a lifetime sporting license, ~~or a lifetime sporting with spearing option license~~ to
2.2 a person who is a resident of the state for at least one year or who is under age 21 and the
2.3 child of a person who is a resident of the state for at least one year. The license fees paid
2.4 for a lifetime license are nonrefundable.

2.5 (b) The commissioner may require the holder of a lifetime license issued under this
2.6 section to notify the department each year that the license is used, by:

- 2.7 (1) telephone or Internet notification, as specified by the commissioner;
2.8 (2) the purchase of stamps for the license; or
2.9 (3) registration and tag issuance, in the case of the resident lifetime deer license.

2.10 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2009 Supplement, section 97A.4742, subdivision 1, is
2.11 amended to read:

2.12 Subdivision 1. **Establishment; purpose.** The lifetime fish and wildlife trust fund
2.13 is established as a fund in the state treasury. All money received from the issuance of
2.14 lifetime angling, ~~spearing, angling and spearing~~, small game hunting, deer hunting, and
2.15 ~~sporting, and sporting with spearing option~~ licenses and earnings on the fund shall be
2.16 credited to the lifetime fish and wildlife trust fund.

2.17 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 97A.475, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

2.18 Subd. 6. **Resident fishing.** Fees for the following licenses, to be issued to residents
2.19 only, are:

- 2.20 (1) to take fish by angling, \$17;
2.21 (2) to take fish by angling, for a combined license for a married couple, \$25; and
2.22 (3) ~~to take fish by spearing from a dark house, \$17; and~~
2.23 ~~(4)~~ to take fish by angling for a 24-hour period selected by the licensee, \$8.50.

2.24 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2009 Supplement, section 97A.475, subdivision 7, is
2.25 amended to read:

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

- 2.28 (1) to take fish by angling, \$37.50;
2.29 (2) to take fish by angling limited to seven consecutive days selected by the licensee,
2.30 \$26.50;
2.31 (3) to take fish by angling for a 72-hour period selected by the licensee, \$22;
2.32 (4) to take fish by angling for a combined license for a family for one or both parents
2.33 and dependent children under the age of 16, \$50.50;

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3.1 (5) to take fish by angling for a 24-hour period selected by the licensee, \$8.50; and
3.2 (6) to take fish by angling for a combined license for a married couple, limited to 14
3.3 consecutive days selected by one of the licensees, \$38.50; ~~and.~~

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

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

3.8 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 97C.301, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

3.9 Subd. 3. **Spearing.** A person may not take fish by spearing ~~from a dark house~~
3.10 ~~without a dark house spearing license and~~ an angling license.

3.11 Sec. 7. **REPEALER.**

3.12 Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 97A.451, subdivision 7, and Minnesota Statutes
3.13 2009 Supplement, section 97A.473, subdivisions 2a, 2b, and 5a, are repealed.

97A.451 LICENSE REQUIREMENTS AND EXEMPTIONS RELATING TO AGE.

Subd. 7. **Residents over age 65; spearing.** A resident age 65 or over may take fish by spearing without a spearing license if the resident has an angling license.

97A.473 RESIDENT LIFETIME LICENSES.

Subd. 2a. **Lifetime spearing license; fee.** (a) A resident lifetime spearing license authorizes a person to take fish by spearing in the state. The license authorizes those activities authorized by the annual resident spearing license.

(b) The fees for a resident lifetime spearing license are:

- (1) age 3 and under, \$258;
- (2) age 4 to age 15, \$320;
- (3) age 16 to age 50, \$372; and
- (4) age 51 and over, \$173.

Subd. 2b. **Lifetime angling and spearing license; fee.** (a) A resident lifetime angling and spearing license authorizes a person to take fish by angling or spearing in the state. The license authorizes those activities authorized by the annual resident angling and spearing licenses.

(b) The fees for a resident lifetime angling and spearing license are:

- (1) age 3 and under, \$485;
- (2) age 4 to age 15, \$620;
- (3) age 16 to age 50, \$755; and
- (4) age 51 and over, \$376.

Subd. 5a. **Lifetime sporting with spearing option license; fee.** (a) A resident lifetime sporting with spearing option license authorizes a person to take fish by angling or spearing and hunt and trap small game in the state. The license authorizes those activities authorized by the annual resident angling, spearing, resident small game hunting, and resident trapping licenses. The license does not include a trout and salmon stamp validation, a turkey stamp validation, a walleye stamp validation, or any other hunting stamps required by law.

(b) The fees for a resident lifetime sporting with spearing option license are:

- (1) age 3 and under, \$615;
- (2) age 4 to age 15, \$800;
- (3) age 16 to age 50, \$985; and
- (4) age 51 and over, \$586.