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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Legacy Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to game and fish; creating Mille Lacs single walleye license; appropriating
1.3 money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 97C.

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

1.5 Section 1. **97C.308] MILLE LACS WALLEYE LICENSE.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. Authority. Notwithstanding any catch and release restrictions imposed
1.7 during an open season for walleye on Lake Mille Lacs, a person who has a Mille Lacs single
1.8 walleye license issued under this section may take a single walleye by angling from Lake
1.9 Mille Lacs.

1.10 Subd. 2. Number of licenses to be issued. Notwithstanding section 97C.325, if the
1.11 commissioner imposes catch and release restrictions during all or part of an open season
1.12 for walleye on Lake Mille Lacs, the commissioner must make 20,000 Mille Lacs single
1.13 walleye licenses available under this section.

1.14 Subd. 3. Eligibility. Eligibility for a Mille Lacs single walleye license is determined by
1.15 this section and by rule adopted by the commissioner. Both residents and nonresidents are
1.16 eligible for a license under this section.

1.17 Subd. 4. One application per season. A person may not make more than one application
1.18 for a Mille Lacs single walleye license each season. If a person makes more than one
1.19 application per season, the person is ineligible for a license for the season after determination
1.20 by the commissioner, without a hearing.

1.21 Subd. 5. Application for license. An application for a Mille Lacs single walleye license
1.22 must be made in a manner provided by the commissioner and accompanied by a \$4

2.1 application fee. The \$4 application fee is appropriated as prescribed in section 84.027,
2.2 subdivision 15, paragraph (c), to pay for costs associated with conducting the Mille Lacs
2.3 single walleye license drawing.

2.4 Subd. 6. **Issuance.** The commissioner must conduct a separate selection for 60 percent
2.5 of the Mille Lacs single walleye licenses to be issued in a season to residents.

2.6 Subd. 7. **Fee.** The fee for a license issued under this section is \$10. The proceeds of the
2.7 fee are appropriated to the commissioner for stocking Lake Mille Lacs with walleye
2.8 fingerlings purchased from the private sector.

2.9 Subd. 8. **Expiration.** A license issued under this section expires when the catch and
2.10 release restrictions expire or the license holder takes a single walleye from Lake Mille Lacs
2.11 by angling, whichever occurs first.