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Sec. 2. This act shall be effective July 1, 1975 and shall expire on June 30, 1977.

Approved May 17, 1975.

CHAPTER 172-H.F.No.100

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An act relating to game and fish; authorizing the commissioner of natural resources to establish limitations on fishing contests and to issue special permits for fishing contests; amending Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 101.42, by adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 101.42, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

<u>Subd. 21.</u> GAME AND FISH; FISHING CONTESTS; PERMITS; REGULATION. Except as may be authorized by commissioner's order, it is unlawful for any person to conduct a fishing contest whereby entry fees over \$10 per person or total prizes valued over \$2,000 are involved on any waters of this state without a permit issued pursuant to this subdivision by the commissioner of natural resources. The commissioner, by order promulgated pursuant to section 97.53, shall establish limitations on such fishing contests as he deems desirable for the preservation, protection, and propagation of fish and fish habitat and for the safety of participants in the contest. Any permit which the commissioner may issue pursuant to the limitations so established shall be issued without fee. The commissioner must either grant or deny the permit within 14 days, excluding holidays, after receipt of the permit application or the application is deemed granted.

Sec. 2. This act is effective January 1, 1976. However, before the effective date the commissioner may promulgate the order specified in section 1, which order may not become effective before the effective date of this act.

Approved May 17, 1975.

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