

**481A.47 Importing fish and game — permits.**

1. Unless application is first made in writing to the commission for a permit and a permit is granted, a person, firm, or corporation shall not, except as otherwise provided, bring into the state of Iowa for the purpose of propagating or introducing, or place or introduce into any of the inland or boundary waters of the state, any fish or spawn thereof that are not native to such waters, or introduce or stock any bird or animal.

2. A permit shall be granted only after the commission has made such investigation or inspection of the fish, birds, or animals as the commission may deem necessary to determine whether or not such fish, birds, or animals are free from disease and whether or not such introduction will be beneficial or detrimental to the native wildlife and the people of the state, and may or may not approve such planting, releasing, or introduction according to its findings.

3. Nothing in [this section](#) shall prohibit licensed game breeders from securing native or exotic birds or animals from outside the state and bringing them into the state and a game breeder shall not be required to have a permit as provided in [this section](#) when such birds or animals are not released to the wild but are held on the game breeder's premises as breeding stock.

[C39, §1794.010; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §109.47]

C93, §481A.47

[2018 Acts, ch 1026, §151](#)

Referred to in [§805.8B\(3\)\(d\)](#)

For applicable scheduled fines, see [§805.8B](#), subsection 3, paragraph d