

SENATE/HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES BILL)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the issuance of a paddlefish fishing
2 license and tag and providing penalties.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 483A.1, subsection 1, Code 2014, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *Of.* Paddlefish fishing license,
4 annual\$ 20.00

5 Sec. 2. Section 483A.1, subsection 2, Code 2014, is amended
6 by adding the following new paragraph:

7 NEW PARAGRAPH. *Of.* Paddlefish fishing license,
8 annual\$ 40.00

9 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. **483A.6A Paddlefish fishing license and**
10 **tag.**

11 1. A resident fishing for paddlefish on the Missouri or
12 Big Sioux river who is required to have a fishing license
13 must purchase a paddlefish fishing license, in addition to a
14 resident fishing license.

15 2. A nonresident fishing for paddlefish on the Missouri
16 or Big Sioux river is required to have a fishing license that
17 is valid in Iowa and, in addition, purchase a nonresident
18 paddlefish fishing license.

19 3. The commission shall establish the number of annual
20 paddlefish fishing licenses that may be issued pursuant to
21 section 481A.39 for use on the Missouri or Big Sioux river.
22 A paddlefish fishing license shall be accompanied by a tag
23 designed to be used only once. If a paddlefish is taken
24 pursuant to a paddlefish fishing license, the paddlefish shall
25 be tagged immediately and the tag shall be dated.

26 Sec. 4. Section 483A.24, subsection 6, Code 2014, is amended
27 to read as follows:

28 6. A resident or nonresident of the state under sixteen
29 years of age is not required to have a license to fish in the
30 waters of the state. However, residents and nonresidents under
31 sixteen years of age must pay the trout fishing fee to possess
32 trout or they must fish for trout with a licensed adult who has
33 paid the trout fishing fee and limit their combined catch to
34 the daily limit established by the commission. A resident or
35 nonresident of the state under sixteen years of age is required

1 to have a paddlefish fishing license to fish for paddlefish on
2 the Missouri or Big Sioux river.

3 Sec. 5. Section 805.8B, subsection 3, paragraph c, Code
4 2014, is amended to read as follows:

5 c. For violations of sections 481A.6, 481A.21, 481A.22,
6 481A.26, 481A.50, 481A.56, 481A.60 through 481A.62, 481A.83,
7 481A.84, 481A.92, 481A.123, 481A.145, subsection 3, sections
8 483A.6A, 483A.7, 483A.8, 483A.23, 483A.24, and 483A.28, the
9 scheduled fine is twenty-five dollars.

10 EXPLANATION

11 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
12 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

13 This bill authorizes the natural resource commission to
14 issue paddlefish fishing licenses for use on the Missouri
15 and Big Sioux rivers pursuant to the commission's powers to
16 maintain biological balance pursuant to Code section 481A.39.
17 The license must be accompanied by a tag designed to be used
18 only once. If a paddlefish is taken pursuant to the license,
19 the paddlefish shall be tagged and the tag dated.

20 A resident fishing for paddlefish on the Missouri or Big
21 Sioux river who is required to have a fishing license must
22 have a resident fishing license and also purchase an annual
23 paddlefish fishing license that costs \$20.

24 A nonresident fishing for paddlefish on the Missouri or Big
25 Sioux river must have a fishing license that is valid in Iowa
26 and also purchase an annual paddlefish fishing license that
27 costs \$40.

28 A resident or nonresident of the state under 16 years of age
29 is not required to have a fishing license to fish in the waters
30 of the state but is required to have a paddlefish fishing
31 license to fish for paddlefish on the Missouri or Big Sioux
32 river.

33 A violation of the bill's requirements is punishable by a
34 scheduled fine of \$25. In addition, a person who illegally
35 takes a paddlefish must reimburse the state for the value of

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1 the fish in the amount of \$1,000 per fish pursuant to Code
2 section 481A.130(1)(i)(3).