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House File 423

Passed on File. *Salendaw 3/11* By COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME.

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Vote: Ayes 73 Nays 8

Vote: Ayes 50 Nays 0

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Conservation 4/2
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A BILL FOR

An Act to amend sections one hundred nine point ninety-two (109.92) and one hundred ten point one (110.1), Code 1962, relating to requirements for tags to be used in conjunction with traps and license fees.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 Section 1. Section one hundred nine point ninety-two (109.92),
2 Code 1962, is hereby amended by striking all lines twelve (12)
3 through and including line twenty (20) and inserting in lieu
4 thereof the following: "All licensed traps shall have a metal
5 tag attached plainly labeled with the owner's name and address.
6 Conservation officers shall have authority to confiscate such
7 traps when found in use that are not properly labeled."

1 Sec. 2. Section one hundred ten point one (110.1), Code 1962,
2 is hereby amended by striking line sixty-five (65) through and
3 including line seventy (70), and inserting in lieu thereof the
4 following:

5 "Trapping license for legal resident of state under sixteen
6 (16) years of age.....\$1.00.

7 Trapping license for legal resident of state sixteen (16)
8 years of age and older.....\$3.00."

EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 423

The present trapping license fee is insufficient to cover the management and law enforcement activities of the department of the furbearing animals of Iowa. The average annual fur harvest is \$848,256. This information was compiled from the fur dealer reports from the 1930-31 season through and including the 1961-62 season. Conservation officers devote approximately 25 percent of their time on furbearing animal patrol prior to, during and after the close of the season at a cost of about \$30,000 per year, not including travel expense. By this increase in revenue, additional marsh management funds to promote good habitat will be available.

This act amends section 110.1, Code 1962, to provide for a trapping license fee of \$1

for residents under 16 years of age and an increase in trapping license fee from \$1 to \$3 for persons 16 years of age and older; and amends section 109.92, Code 1962, to provide that trap tags will not be issued by the commission.