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HOUSE FILE 263

Place on Calendar

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By COMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION
AND RECREATION

Passed House, Date *2-18-69* Passed Senate, Date *5-9-69*

Vote: Ayes *117* Nays *4* Vote: Ayes *48* Nays *1*

Approved *May 19, 1969*

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to trout possession limits by persons not re-
- 2 quired to obtain fishing licenses.
- 3 *Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*
- 4 Section 1. Section one hundred nine point sixty-seven
- 5 (109.67), Code 1966, is hereby amended by adding to the end
- 6 thereof the following paragraph:
- 7 "Any person who, by reason of his age, is not required to
- 8 have a license to fish in the waters of the state as provided
- 9 in section one hundred ten point seventeen (110.17) of the
- 10 Code shall be limited to a daily catch limit of two trout and
- 11 to a possession limit of four trout."

EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 263

Under present law a large family or other group of persons in which only one or two persons has a fishing license, and in which several more persons may fish due to being under sixteen years of age, may have in their possession a full limit of fish based on the number of persons who may fish, while the entire number of fish may have been caught by one or two adult members of the group. This fact has been a major factor in an alarming reduction of the stocks of trout in Iowa streams. This bill will help alleviate the problems by reducing the catch and possession limits for persons not required to have a fishing license by reason of age.