

**Senate File 27 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act requiring the natural resource commission to allow  
2 catfish to be taken by hand fishing and providing penalties.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 481A.76, Code 2015, is amended to read  
2 as follows:

3 **481A.76 Unlawful means — exception.**

4 It is unlawful, except as otherwise provided, to use on or  
5 in the waters of the state any grabhook, snaghook, any kind of  
6 a net, seine, trap, firearm, dynamite, or other explosives, or  
7 poisonous or stupefying substances, lime, ashes, electricity,  
8 or hand fishing in the taking or attempting to take any fish,  
9 except that gaffhooks or landing nets may be used to assist in  
10 landing fish. The commission shall allow catfish to be taken  
11 by hand fishing and may permit other designated fish to be  
12 taken by hand fishing, by snagging, by spearing, by bow and  
13 arrow, and with artificial light at the times and at the places  
14 as determined by rules of the commission.

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EXPLANATION

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

18 This bill requires the natural resource commission to allow  
19 catfish to be taken by hand fishing at the times and places  
20 determined by the commission by rule.

21 A violation of the bill's provisions is punishable with a  
22 scheduled fine of \$50.