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BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL

RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1174)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to the commercial and noncommercial harvest of
- 2 turtles, including effective date provisions.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

- 1 Section 1. Section 481A.67, subsections 2 and 3, Code 2017,
- 2 are amended to read as follows:
- 3 2. a. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,
- 4 the natural resource commission shall adopt rules pursuant to
- 5 chapter 17A establishing seasons and daily catch limits for the
- 6 noncommercial harvest of turtles in any waters of the state
- 7 pursuant to section 483A.28. Seasons established pursuant to
- 8 this subsection shall not apply to the noncommercial harvest of
- 9 snapping turtles.
- 10 b. (1) The annual season for the noncommercial harvest of
- 11 turtles shall begin on July 15 and end on May 15.
- 12 (2) Beginning on July 15, 2017, the following limits on the
- 13 noncommercial harvest of turtles are applicable:
- 14 (a) Daily catch limit:
- 15 (i) Four common snapping turtles.
- 16 (ii) One spiny or smooth softshell turtle.
- 17 (iii) One painted turtle.
- 18 (b) A person with a valid fishing license issued pursuant to
- 19 chapter 483A is entitled to take and possess a maximum amount
- 20 of turtles as provided in section 483A.28.
- 21 (3) This paragraph b'' is repealed effective July 1, 2021.
- 22 3. a. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,
- 23 the natural resource commission shall adopt rules pursuant to
- 24 chapter 17A establishing seasons and daily catch limits for the
- 25 commercial harvest of turtles in any waters of the state.
- 26 b. (1) The annual season for the commercial harvest of
- 27 turtles shall begin on July 15 and end on May 15.
- 28 (2) Beginning on July 15, 2017, the following limits on the
- 29 commercial harvest of turtles are applicable:
- 30 (a) Daily catch limit:
- 31 (i) Ten common snapping turtles.
- 32 (ii) Ten spiny and smooth softshell turtles, in aggregate.
- 33 (iii) Five painted turtles.
- 34 (b) Possession limit:
- 35 (i) Thirty common snapping turtles.

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- 1 (ii) Thirty spiny and smooth softshell turtles, in
- 2 aggregate.
- 3 (iii) Fifteen painted turtles.
- 4 (3) This paragraph "b" is repealed effective July 1, 2021.
- 5 Sec. 2. Section 481A.67, Code 2017, is amended by adding the
- 6 following new subsection:
- 7 NEW SUBSECTION. 3A. Beginning on the effective date of
- 8 this Act, a person shall not be issued or allowed to renew a
- 9 commercial turtle harvester license pursuant to chapter 482
- 10 unless the person held a commercial turtle harvester license at
- 11 any time during the period beginning on January 1, 2015, and
- 12 ending on the effective date of this Act. This subsection is
- 13 repealed effective July 1, 2021.
- 14 Sec. 3. RESCISSION OF AMENDMENTS TO ADMINISTRATIVE RULES.
- 15 l. The amendments to 571 Iowa administrative code,
- 16 chapter 86, as appearing in ARC 2951C, as published in the
- 17 Iowa administrative bulletin, volume XXXIX, number 17, dated
- 18 February 15, 2017, pp. 1685-1687, are rescinded.
- 19 2. As soon as practicable, the Iowa administrative code
- 20 editor shall restore the language of the Iowa administrative
- 21 code chapter referenced in subsection 1 of this section to the
- 22 language that existed on February 14, 2017.
- 23 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of
- 24 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.
- 25 EXPLANATION
- 26 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
- 27 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 28 This bill relates to the noncommercial and commercial
- 29 harvest of turtles.
- 30 The bill provides that the annual season for the
- 31 noncommercial and commercial harvest of turtles shall begin on
- 32 July 15 and end May 15.
- The bill also specifies daily catch limits and possession
- 34 limits on the noncommercial and commercial harvest of turtles,
- 35 beginning on July 15, 2017. These provisions are repealed

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- 1 effective July 1, 2021.
- 2 The bill provides that, beginning on the effective date of
- 3 the bill, a person shall not be issued or allowed to renew a
- 4 commercial turtle harvester license unless the person held such
- 5 a license at any time during the period beginning on January
- 6 1, 2015, and ending on the effective date of the bill. This
- 7 provision is repealed effective July 1, 2021.
- 8 The bill rescinds amendments to specified rules relating
- 9 to harvesting commercial and noncommercial turtles that were
- 10 published in the Iowa administrative code on February 15, 2017,
- 11 and directs the Iowa administrative code editor to restore the
- 12 language of the Iowa administrative code to the language that
- 13 existed on February 14, 2017.
- 14 The bill is effective upon enactment.