

**House File 2102 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the establishment of a bow and arrow  
2 catfish-taking license, and making penalties applicable.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 483A.6C Catfish taking by bow and  
2 arrow — license.

3 A person may be issued an annual catfish-taking license for  
4 a fee of ten dollars that entitles the licensee to take catfish  
5 by bow and arrow at times and at places as determined by the  
6 commission by rule. A person taking catfish with a license  
7 issued under this section who is required to have a fishing  
8 license to fish shall also purchase an annual fishing license.

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EXPLANATION

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

12 This bill creates a special fishing license that allows a  
13 person to take a catfish using a bow and arrow.

14 Current law authorizes the natural resource commission to  
15 allow designated fish to be taken by bow and arrow. The bill  
16 allows a person with a bow and arrow catfish-taking license  
17 to use a bow and arrow at times and places determined by the  
18 commission by rule. A person taking catfish with a bow and  
19 arrow catfish-taking license who is otherwise required to have  
20 a fishing license shall purchase an annual fishing license.

21 By operation of law, a person who unlawfully takes a catfish  
22 commits a simple misdemeanor subject to a scheduled fine of  
23 \$25. Additionally, a person who unlawfully takes a catfish is  
24 subject to civil damages set forth in Code section 481A.130.