

**House File 318 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to commercial fishing to remove underused,  
2 undesirable, and injurious organisms from waters of the  
3 state, and including applicability provisions.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 482.1, subsection 2, paragraph c, Code  
2 2019, is amended to read as follows:

3 c. Authorize the director to enter into written contracts  
4 for the removal of underused, undesirable, or injurious  
5 organisms from the waters of the state. The contracts shall  
6 specify all terms and conditions desired. ~~Sections 482.4,~~  
7 ~~482.6, and 482.14 do not apply to these contracts.~~

8 Sec. 2. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to contracts  
9 becoming effective on and after January 1, 2020.

10 EXPLANATION

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

13 Under current law, a person who has a contract with  
14 the department of natural resources to remove underused,  
15 undesirable, or injurious organisms from the waters of the  
16 state is exempt from obtaining a license, tagging commercial  
17 fishing equipment, and submitting monthly reports to the  
18 department when acting within the scope of the contract. This  
19 bill removes those exemptions.

20 The bill applies to contracts becoming effective on and  
21 after January 1, 2020.