

House File 505 - Introduced

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BY SORENSEN

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to noodling licenses.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

unofficial

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **483A.6C Noodling licenses.**

2 1. A person noodling must purchase a noodling license. For
3 purposes of this section, "noodling" means the method of fishing
4 for catfish using one's bare hands or feet.

5 2. A noodling license shall allow a person to engage in
6 noodling subject to the following restrictions:

7 a. The noodling must happen during daylight hours.

8 b. The person noodling may not harvest more than three
9 catfish per noodling license.

10 c. Each catfish harvested must be at least ten inches in
11 length.

12 d. Special equipment may not be used. For purposes of
13 this section, "special equipment" includes scuba equipment, fins,
14 bait, gloves, breathing tubes, and other items determined by the
15 commission.

16 3. The commission shall establish, by rule, the tenure and
17 applicable fee for the permit authorized in this section.

18 EXPLANATION

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

21 This bill relates to noodling licenses.

22 The bill requires that a person noodling must purchase a
23 noodling license. The bill defines "noodling" as a method of
24 fishing for catfish using one's bare hands or feet. The bill
25 provides time of day, bag limit, size, and equipment restrictions
26 on the license.

27 The bill directs the natural resource commission to establish
28 rules for the tenure and applicable fee of the noodling permit.
29 A person who unlawfully takes a fish is subject to a scheduled
30 fine of \$35. A person who attempts to unlawfully take a fish is
31 subject to a scheduled fine of \$20.