

Senate File 428 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 428
BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 298)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act creating a muskellunge fishing fee.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **483A.6C Muskellunge fishing fee.**

2 Any person required to have a fishing license shall not fish
3 for or possess muskellunge unless that person has paid the
4 muskellunge fishing fee. The proceeds from the fee shall be
5 used exclusively for the muskellunge program designated by the
6 commission. The commission may grant a permit to a community
7 event in which muskellunge will be stocked in water that is not
8 designated muskellunge water and a person may catch and possess
9 muskellunge during the period and from the water covered by the
10 permit without having paid the muskellunge fishing fee.

11 EXPLANATION

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

14 This bill creates a muskellunge fishing fee. The bill
15 requires any person required to have a fishing license to pay a
16 muskellunge fishing fee to fish for or possess muskellunge. The
17 bill directs the proceeds of the fee to be used exclusively by
18 the natural resource commission (commission) for the muskellunge
19 program designated by the commission.

20 The bill provides an exception to the muskellunge fishing fee
21 requirement for the period of a community event where muskellunge
22 are stocked in water that is not designated muskellunge water.
23 For the fee exception to apply, the event must be granted a
24 permit by the commission.

25 In addition to any applicable penalties, a person who
26 unlawfully takes muskellunge shall reimburse the state \$1,000 for
27 each muskellunge caught or possessed.