

Senate Study Bill 1093 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
NATURAL RESOURCES AND
ENVIRONMENT BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON SWEENEY)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to fur-bearing animals, including the treatment
2 of beaver dams, identification for traps and snares, and
3 maximum fur dealer license fees.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 481A.90, subsection 2, Code 2025, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. This section does not prohibit the owner or owner's agent
4 from destroying a den or breaching or altering a beaver dam to
5 protect the owner's property.

6 Sec. 2. Section 481A.92, subsection 1, Code 2025, is amended
7 to read as follows:

8 1. A person shall not use or attempt to use colony traps in
9 taking, capturing, trapping, or killing any game or fur-bearing
10 animals except muskrats as determined by rule of the commission.
11 Box traps capable of capturing more than one game or fur-bearing
12 animal at each setting are prohibited. A valid hunting license
13 is required for box trapping cottontail rabbits and squirrels.
14 All traps and snares used for the taking of fur-bearing animals
15 shall have a metal tag attached plainly labeled with the user's
16 department-issued identification number or name and address. All
17 traps and snares, except those ~~which~~ that are placed entirely
18 under water, shall be checked at least once every twenty-four
19 hours. Officers appointed by the department may confiscate such
20 traps and snares found in use that are not properly labeled or
21 checked.

22 Sec. 3. Section 481A.95, subsection 2, Code 2025, is amended
23 by striking the subsection and inserting in lieu thereof the
24 following:

25 2. Fees for a license issued under this section shall be no
26 more than fifty dollars annually for a resident or a nonresident
27 fur dealer.

28 EXPLANATION

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

31 This bill relates to fur-bearing animals, including the
32 treatment of beaver dams, identification for traps and snares,
33 and maximum fur dealer license fees.

34 Under current law, a person is generally prohibited from
35 disturbing, in any manner, any den, lodge, or house of a

1 fur-bearing animal or beaver dam except with written permission
2 of an officer appointed by the director. The bill allows a
3 property owner or the property owner's agent to breach or alter a
4 beaver dam to protect the person's property.

5 Under current law, all traps and snares used for the taking
6 of fur-bearing animals require a metal tag attached plainly
7 labeled with the user's name and address. The bill allows the
8 user the option of labeling the trap or snare with the user's
9 department-issued identification number instead of the user's
10 name and address.

11 The bill creates a maximum fur dealer license fee of \$50,
12 regardless of resident status. Under current administrative
13 rules, a resident fur dealer license costs \$264 annually and a
14 nonresident fur dealer license costs \$586.50 annually or \$292.50
15 for one day and one location. Current law allows residents from
16 another state to purchase a fur dealer license for the set fee
17 unless that state has reciprocity with Iowa, in which case the
18 nonresident shall pay the reciprocity fee amount that is less
19 than the nonresident license fee but more than the Iowa resident
20 license fee.