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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to game and fish; creating a three-year license for fish houses and dark
1.3 houses; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 97A.411, subdivision 1;
1.4 97A.475, subdivisions 11, 12.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 97A.411, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **License period.** (a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b), ~~(c), and~~
1.8 ~~(d) to (e)~~, a license is valid during the lawful time within the license year that the licensed
1.9 activity may be performed. A license year begins on the first day of March and ends on
1.10 the last day of February.

1.11 (b) A license issued under section 97A.475, subdivision 6, clause (5), 97A.475,
1.12 subdivision 7, clause (2), (3), (5), or (6), or 97A.475, subdivision 12, clause (2), is valid
1.13 for the full license period even if this period extends into the next license year, provided
1.14 that the license period selected by the licensee begins at the time of issuance.

1.15 (c) When the last day of February falls on a Saturday, an annual resident or
1.16 nonresident fish house or dark house license, including a rental fish house or dark house
1.17 license, obtained for the license year covering the last day of February, is valid through
1.18 Sunday, March 1 and the angling license of the fish house licensee is extended through
1.19 March 1.

1.20 (d) A lifetime license issued under section 97A.473 or 97A.474 is valid during the
1.21 lawful time within the license year that the licensed activity may be performed for the
1.22 lifetime of the licensee.

1.23 (e) A three-year fish house or dark house license is valid during the license year that
1.24 it is purchased and the two succeeding license years.

2.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 97A.475, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

2.2 Subd. 11. **Fish houses and dark houses; residents.** Fees for the following licenses
2.3 are:

2.4 (1) annual for a fish house or dark house that is not rented, \$11.50; ~~and~~

2.5 (2) annual for a fish house or dark house that is rented, \$26;

2.6 (3) three-year for a fish house or dark house that is not rented, \$34.50; and

2.7 (4) three-year for a fish house or dark house that is rented, \$78.

2.8 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 97A.475, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

2.9 Subd. 12. **Fish houses; nonresident.** Fees for fish house licenses for a nonresident
2.10 are:

2.11 (1) annual, \$33; ~~and~~

2.12 (2) seven consecutive days, \$19; and

2.13 (3) three-year, \$99.