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

A bill for an act

relating to game and fish; providing license exemption for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts Ice Fishing Weekend; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 97A.445, by adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 97A.445, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 6. **Angling; Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts Ice Fishing Weekend.** A resident over age 18 may take fish by angling without a license during one three-day consecutive period of the winter angling season designated by the commissioner if accompanied by a Boy Scout troop or troops or Girl Scout troop or troops whose active members participating in the ice fishing weekend are each under age 16. The resident must obtain a certificate from the commissioner signifying permission for the group to angle in a named body of water. During the first day of the three-day consecutive period, the commissioner must designate an authorized representative to visit each Boy Scout troop or troops and Girl Scout troop or troops at the named body of water and provide educational information, including ice safety information and angling instruction. A resident in possession of the certificate is also exempt from any fish house and dark house licensing fees levied under section 97A.475, subdivision 11, during the three-day period. The commissioner shall publicize the three-day period as "Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts Ice Fishing Weekend."