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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; modifying the license period for angling and fish house  
1.3 licenses; amending Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 97A.411,  
1.4 subdivision 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 97A.411, subdivision 1,  
1.7 is amended to read:

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

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

1.16 (c) ~~The license year for resident fishing, the angling portion of a sporting license,~~  
1.17 ~~nonresident fishing, resident fish house, resident dark house, and nonresident fish house~~  
1.18 ~~begins on March 1 and ends on April 30 of the following year~~ When the last day of  
1.19 February falls on a Thursday, Friday, or Saturday, an annual resident or nonresident fish  
1.20 house or dark house license, including a rental fish house or dark house license, obtained  
1.21 for the license year covering the last day of February, is valid through the first Monday  
1.22 in March and the angling license of the fish house licensee is extended through the first  
1.23 Monday in March.

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

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

2.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.