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State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-FIFTH
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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 fish house licensing requirements; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 97C.355, subdivisions 4, 7a; Minnesota
1.4 Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 97C.355, subdivision 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 97C.355, subdivision 2, is
1.7 amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 2. **License required.** A person may not ~~take fish from~~ leave a dark house,
1.9 ~~or fish house that is left, or shelter~~ unattended on the ice ~~overnight~~ unless the house is
1.10 licensed and has a license tag attached to the exterior in a readily visible location, except
1.11 as provided in this subdivision. The commissioner must issue a tag with a dark house or
1.12 fish house license, marked with a number to correspond with the license and the year of
1.13 issue. A dark house or fish house license is not required of a resident on boundary waters
1.14 where the adjacent state does not charge a fee for the same activity.

1.15 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 97C.355, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

1.16 Subd. 4. **Distance between houses.** A person may not erect a dark house, ~~or fish~~
1.17 house, or shelter within ten feet of an existing dark house or fish house.

1.18 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 97C.355, subdivision 7a, is amended to read:

1.19 Subd. 7a. **Houses left overnight.** A fish house, ~~or dark house, or shelter~~ left on the
1.20 ice overnight must be marked with reflective material on each side of the house structure.
1.21 The reflective material must measure a total area of no less than two square inches on each

- 2.1 side of the house structure. ~~Violation of this subdivision is not subject to subdivision 8~~
- 2.2 ~~or section 97A.301.~~