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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment Policy and Oversight

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to game and fish; establishing a lifetime spearing license and lifetime
1.3 angling and spearing license; adding spearing to the lifetime sporting license;
1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 97A.473, subdivisions 1, 5, by
1.5 adding subdivisions; 97A.4742, subdivision 1.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 97A.473, subdivision 1, is amended to
1.8 read:

1.9 Subdivision 1. **Resident lifetime licenses authorized.** (a) The commissioner may
1.10 issue a lifetime angling license, a lifetime spearing license, a lifetime angling and spearing
1.11 license, a lifetime small game hunting license, a lifetime firearm or archery deer hunting
1.12 license, or a lifetime sporting license to a person who is a resident of the state for at least
1.13 one year or who is under age 21 and the child of a person who is a resident of the state for
1.14 at least one year. The license fees paid for a lifetime license are nonrefundable.

1.15 (b) The commissioner may require the holder of a lifetime license issued under this
1.16 section to notify the department each year that the license is used, by:

- 1.17 (1) telephone or Internet notification, as specified by the commissioner;
1.18 (2) the purchase of stamps for the license; or
1.19 (3) registration and tag issuance, in the case of the resident lifetime deer license.

1.20 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 97A.473, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.21 to read:

1.22 Subd. 2a. **Lifetime spearing license; fee.** (a) A resident lifetime spearing license
1.23 authorizes a person to take fish by spearing in the state. The license authorizes those
1.24 activities authorized by the annual resident spearing license.

2.1 (b) The fees for a resident lifetime spearing license are:

2.2 (1) age 3 and under, \$258;

2.3 (2) age 4 to age 15, \$320;

2.4 (3) age 16 to age 50, \$372; and

2.5 (4) age 51 and over, \$173.

2.6 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 97A.473, is amended by adding a subdivision
2.7 to read:

2.8 Subd. 2b. **Lifetime angling and spearing license; fee.** (a) A resident lifetime
2.9 angling and spearing license authorizes a person to take fish by angling or spearing in the
2.10 state. The license authorizes those activities authorized by the annual resident angling
2.11 and spearing licenses.

2.12 (b) The fees for a resident lifetime angling and spearing license are:

2.13 (1) age 3 and under, \$485;

2.14 (2) age 4 to age 15, \$620;

2.15 (3) age 16 to age 50, \$755; and

2.16 (4) age 51 and over, \$376.

2.17 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 97A.473, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

2.18 Subd. 5. **Lifetime sporting license; fee.** (a) A resident lifetime sporting license
2.19 authorizes a person to take fish by angling or spearing and hunt and trap small game in the
2.20 state. The license authorizes those activities authorized by the annual resident angling,
2.21 resident small game hunting, and resident trapping licenses. The license does not include a
2.22 trout and salmon stamp validation, a turkey stamp validation, a walleye stamp validation,
2.23 or any other hunting stamps required by law.

2.24 (b) The fees for a resident lifetime sporting license are:

2.25 (1) age 3 and under, ~~\$357~~ \$615;

2.26 (2) age 4 to age 15, ~~\$480~~ \$800;

2.27 (3) age 16 to age 50, ~~\$613~~ \$985; and

2.28 (4) age 51 and over, ~~\$413~~ \$586.

2.29 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 97A.4742, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

2.30 Subdivision 1. **Establishment; purpose.** The lifetime fish and wildlife trust fund
2.31 is established as a fund in the state treasury. All money received from the issuance of
2.32 lifetime angling, spearing, angling and spearing, small game hunting, deer hunting,

- 3.1 and sporting licenses and earnings on the fund shall be credited to the lifetime fish and
- 3.2 wildlife trust fund.