

LEGISLATIVE BILL 923

Approved by the Governor April 1, 1996

Introduced by Landis, 46

AN ACT relating to fishing; to amend section 37-102, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1995; to establish free fishing day; to give the Game and Parks Commission duties; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. (1) To promote an interest in fishing and to create an awareness of Nebraska's lakes, rivers, streams, ponds, and parks, a day between March 15 and October 15, to be determined by the Game and Parks Commission, shall be recognized as free fishing day. On this day, Nebraska residents and nonresidents may enjoy the privilege of fishing without the purchase of a fishing permit, except that any fishing done under the authority of a special daily fishing permit under section 37-204.02 still requires the purchase of such permit.

(2) No motor vehicle entry permit or fee will be required for entry into a permit area as defined in section 37-1102 on free fishing day.

(3) Nothing in this section shall affect the applicability of statutes and regulations other than the permit requirements referred to in this section.

(4) The Game and Parks Commission may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations necessary to carry out this section.

Sec. 2. Section 37-102, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1995, is amended to read:

37-102. Sections 37-101 to 37-726 and 37-1401 to 37-1408 and section 1 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Game Law.

Sec. 3. Original section 37-102, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1995, is repealed.

Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.