

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 142**

FINAL READING

Introduced by Schilz, 47.

Read first time January 09, 2015

Committee: Natural Resources

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Game Law; to amend sections 37-1220 and
- 2 37-1273, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 37-201,
- 3 37-1214, 37-1215, and 37-1219, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 4 Supplement, 2014; to create the Aquatic Invasive Species Program; to
- 5 provide funding; to create a fee and stamp; to harmonize provisions;
- 6 to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.
- 7 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 37-201, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
2 2014, is amended to read:

3 37-201 Sections 37-201 to 37-811 and 37-1501 to 37-1510 and section  
4 2 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Game Law.

5 Sec. 2. The Aquatic Invasive Species Program is created. Funds  
6 identified to support the program shall be used for aquatic invasive  
7 species activities which may include monitoring and sampling waters of  
8 the state for aquatic invasive species, hiring personnel, purchasing  
9 equipment to inspect and decontaminate conveyances, providing additional  
10 enforcement, education, and research relating to aquatic invasive  
11 species, and conducting aquatic invasive species projects as needed.

12 Sec. 3. Section 37-1214, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
13 2014, is amended to read:

14 37-1214 (1) Except as otherwise provided in section 37-1211, the  
15 owner of each motorboat shall register such vessel or renew the  
16 registration every three years as provided in section 37-1226. The owner  
17 of such vessel shall file an initial application for a certificate of  
18 number pursuant to section 37-1216 with a county treasurer on forms  
19 approved and provided by the commission. The application shall be signed  
20 by the owner of the vessel, shall contain the year manufactured, and  
21 shall be accompanied by a registration fee for the three-year period of  
22 not less than twenty dollars and not more than twenty-three dollars for  
23 Class 1 boats, not less than forty dollars and not more than forty-six  
24 dollars for Class 2 boats, not less than sixty dollars and not more than  
25 sixty-seven dollars and fifty cents for Class 3 boats, and not less than  
26 one hundred dollars and not more than one hundred fifteen dollars for  
27 Class 4 boats, as established by the commission pursuant to section  
28 37-327. The owner of the motorboat shall also pay a fee established  
29 pursuant to section 37-327 of not less than five dollars and not more  
30 than ten dollars for the Aquatic Invasive Species Program at the time of  
31 registration or renewal.

1       (2) The owner of a motorboat not registered in Nebraska shall  
2 purchase an aquatic invasive species stamp for the Aquatic Invasive  
3 Species Program valid for one calendar year prior to launching into any  
4 waters of the state. The cost of such one-year stamp shall be established  
5 pursuant to section 37-327 and be not less than ten dollars and not more  
6 than fifteen dollars plus an issuance fee pursuant to section 37-406.  
7 Such one-year stamp may be purchased electronically or through any vendor  
8 authorized by the commission to sell other permits and stamps issued  
9 under the Game Law pursuant to section 37-406. The aquatic invasive  
10 species stamp shall be permanently affixed on the starboard and rearward  
11 side of the vessel. The proceeds from the sale of stamps shall be  
12 remitted to the State Game Fund.

13       Sec. 4. Section 37-1215, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
14 2014, is amended to read:

15       37-1215 In the event an application is made after the beginning of  
16 any registration period for registration of any vessel not previously  
17 registered by the applicant in this state, the registration license fee  
18 on such vessel shall be reduced by one thirty-sixth for each full month  
19 of the registration period already expired as of the date such vessel was  
20 acquired. The fee for the Aquatic Invasive Species Program shall not be  
21 so reduced. The county treasurer shall compute the registration fee on  
22 forms and pursuant to rules of the commission.

23       Sec. 5. Section 37-1219, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
24 2014, is amended to read:

25       37-1219 All registration fees and fees for the Aquatic Invasive  
26 Species Program received by the county treasurers shall be remitted on or  
27 before the thirtieth day of the following month to the secretary of the  
28 commission. All remittances shall be upon a form to be furnished by the  
29 commission and a duplicate copy shall be retained by the county  
30 treasurer.

31       Sec. 6. Section 37-1220, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

1 amended to read:

2 37-1220 The secretary of the commission shall deposit daily with the  
3 State Treasurer all ~~registration~~ fees received pursuant to section  
4 37-1219 by ~~him~~ and shall take the receipt of the State Treasurer  
5 ~~treasurer~~ therefor. The State Treasurer shall place all of the fees so  
6 deposited in the State Game Fund.

7 Sec. 7. Section 37-1273, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
8 amended to read:

9 37-1273 All fees as provided by the State Boat Act shall be remitted  
10 to the State Treasurer for credit to the State Game Fund to be used  
11 primarily for (1) administration and enforcement of the State Boat Act,  
12 (2) boating safety educational programs, (3) the construction and  
13 maintenance of boating and docking facilities, navigation aids, and  
14 access to boating areas and such other uses as will promote the safety  
15 and convenience of the boating public in Nebraska, (4) the Aquatic  
16 Invasive Species Program, and (5 4) publishing costs subject to the  
17 restrictions and limitations in section 37-324. Secondary uses for the  
18 fees shall be for the propagation, importation, protection, preservation,  
19 and distribution of game and fish and necessary equipment therefor and  
20 all things pertaining thereto.

21 Sec. 8. Original sections 37-1220 and 37-1273, Reissue Revised  
22 Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 37-201, 37-1214, 37-1215, and 37-1219,  
23 Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014, are repealed.

24 Sec. 9. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
25 passed and approved according to law.