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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 105

Chairperson: Chris Langemeier
Committee: Natural Resources
Date of Hearing: January 21, 2009

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 105 is the Game and Parks Commission's "omnibus" bill that contains modifications requested by the commission on a variety of issues.

The bill does the following: (1) establishes or revises penalties and minimum fines for violation of various Game and Parks statutes [sections 1, 3, 6, 7, 13, 16, 18, 19, 20, 31, 41, 42, 44, 45, 46, 47, and 49]; (2) revises fee structures for permits [sections 5, 8, 10, 14 to 28, 30, 31, 33 to 40, and 50 to 53]; (3) clarifies that fishing using a bow and arrow from a vessel and aided by artificial light for an unprotected species is not prohibited; (4) adds identification requirements for motorboat leasing and renting; (5) exempts zoos accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums or Zoological Association from obtaining certain captive animal permits; (6) requires 25% of the fees received for lifetime game permits to be invested and not spent by the commission; (7) allows the commission to use the Nebraska Habitat Fund for access and enhancement improvements; (8) clarifies how permits are to be issued to family members and nonresident property owners; (9) requires written permission to administer certain drugs to wildlife under the commission's jurisdiction; and (10) revises damages payable to the state for illegally selling, purchasing, taking or possessing wildlife.

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