

HB0563



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 1/9/2025, by Rep. Emanuel "Chris" Welch

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

515 ILCS 5/10-100

from Ch. 56, par. 10-100

Amends the Fish and Aquatic Life Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the unlawful release of aquatic life.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning fish.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Fish and Aquatic Life Code is amended by
5 changing Section 10-100 as follows:

6 (515 ILCS 5/10-100) (from Ch. 56, par. 10-100)

7 Sec. 10-100. Release of aquatic life.

8 (a) It shall be unlawful to release any aquatic life into
9 the ~~the~~ wild in this State without first securing permission
10 of the Department to do so, except that the owner of a body of
11 water may release aquatic life indigenous to the State of
12 Illinois into waters wholly upon his or her property. The
13 Department shall have the authority to promulgate necessary
14 rules and regulations, under the Illinois Administrative
15 Procedure Act, regulating the possession, transportation, and
16 shipping of aquatic life not indigenous to the State of
17 Illinois. All aquatic life may be immediately returned
18 unharmed from where they were taken. A violation of this
19 subsection (a) is a Class B misdemeanor.

20 (b) It is unlawful to possess, transport, or release any
21 live specimen or viable gametes of any species listed as
22 injurious by administrative rule, unless authorized by that
23 rule. A violation of this subsection (b) is a Class A

1 misdemeanor.

2 (Source: P.A. 98-1044, eff. 1-1-15.)