

**HB0563**



**104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

**2025 and 2026**

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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.)