

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 wild in this State without first securing permission of the
10 Department to do so, except that the owner of a body of water
11 may release aquatic life indigenous to the State of Illinois
12 into waters wholly upon his or her property. The Department
13 shall have the authority to promulgate necessary rules and
14 regulations, under the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act,
15 regulating the possession, transportation, and shipping of
16 aquatic life not indigenous to the State of Illinois. All
17 aquatic life may be immediately returned unharmed from where
18 they were taken. A violation of this subsection (a) is a Class
19 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. 94-592, eff. 1-1-06.)