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1 HB596
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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, a person may not transport certain fish in certain numbers outside of this state.

This bill would prohibit a person from transporting out of this state a live catfish that is harvested from state waters.

This bill would also provide criminal penalties for violations.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to natural resources; to amend Section 9-11-86, Code of Alabama 1975, to prohibit persons from transporting out of this state a live catfish harvested in public waters; and to provide criminal penalties for violations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 9-11-86, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§9-11-86

(a) No person, ~~firm, or corporation shall~~ may carry, ship, or transport beyond the boundaries of this state more



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than one day's creel limit of any species of game fish and then only for his or her personal use. Any person violating this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).

(b) (1) No person may transport out of this state a live fish of the family Ictaluridae that is harvested from public waters as defined in Section 9-11-80.

(2) A person who violates subdivision (1) is guilty of a Class B misdemeanor and shall be fined not less than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) per violation."

Section 2. This act shall become effective on October 1, 2025.