

# HB463 INTRODUCED



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

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

37 (2) A person who violates subdivision (1) shall be  
38 punished as follows:

39 a. On a first violation, a Class B misdemeanor and  
40 finned not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

41 b. On a second and any subsequent violation, a Class A  
42 misdemeanor and fined not less then two thousand dollars  
43 (\$2,000)."

44 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October  
45 1, 2026.