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**House Bill 4937** 

**Sponsor: Rep. Sue Tabor** 

**Committee: Conservation and Outdoor** 

Recreation

**Complete to 8-15-01** 

## A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4937 AS INTRODUCED 6-12-01

Currently, Part 435 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, which regulates hunting and fishing licensing, specifies that a person 12 to 16 years of age may obtain an all-species fishing license (a license to take all fish, including trout and salmon). House Bill 4937 would amend the act to lower the minimum required age from 12 years to 5 years. The bill would also amend the current provision that allows youth from 12 to 17 years of age to take aquatic species (frogs, turtles, etc.) without a license. The bill would specify, instead, that any person under 17 years of age could take aquatic species without a license.

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