

1.1 ..... moves to amend H.F. No. 234 as follows:

1.2 Page 1, delete section 3, and insert:

1.3 "Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 97C.605, subdivision 2c, is amended to read:

1.4 Subd. 2c. **License exemptions.** (a) A person does not need ~~a turtle seller's license or an~~  
1.5 ~~angling license~~ the licenses specified under subdivision 1:

1.6 ~~(1) when buying turtles for resale at a retail outlet;~~

1.7 (1) when buying turtles from a licensed aquatic farm or licensed private fish hatchery  
1.8 for resale at a retail outlet or restaurant;

1.9 (2) when buying a turtle at a retail outlet;

1.10 ~~(3) if the person is a nonresident buying a turtle from a licensed turtle seller for export~~  
1.11 ~~out of state. Shipping documents provided by the turtle seller must accompany each shipment~~  
1.12 ~~exported out of state by a nonresident. Shipping documents must include: name, address,~~  
1.13 ~~city, state, and zip code of the buyer; number of each species of turtle; and name and license~~  
1.14 ~~number of the turtle seller; or~~

1.15 ~~(4)~~ (3) to take, possess, and rent ~~or sell~~ up to 25 turtles greater than four inches in length  
1.16 for the purpose of providing the turtles to participants at a nonprofit turtle race, if the person  
1.17 is a resident under age 18. The person is responsible for the well-being of the turtles; or

1.18 (4) when possessing turtles if under 16 years of age. Notwithstanding any other law to  
1.19 the contrary, a person under the age of 16 may possess, without a license, up to three snapping  
1.20 or western painted turtles, provided the turtles are possessed for personal use and are within  
1.21 the applicable length and width requirements.

2.1 (b) A person with an aquatic farm license with a turtle endorsement or a private fish  
2.2 hatchery license with a turtle endorsement may sell, obtain, possess, transport, and propagate  
2.3 turtles and turtle eggs without the licenses specified under subdivision 1.

2.4 (c) Turtles possessed under this subdivision may not be released back into the wild."

2.5 Page 3, delete section 5, and insert:

2.6 "Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 97C.611, is amended to read:

2.7 **97C.611 TURTLE SPECIES; LIMITS.**

2.8 Subdivision 1. **Snapping turtles.** A person may not possess more than three snapping  
2.9 turtles of the species *Chelydra serpentina* ~~without a turtle seller's license~~. Until new rules  
2.10 are adopted under section 97C.605, a person may not take snapping turtles of a size less  
2.11 than ten inches wide including curvature, measured from side to side across the shell at  
2.12 midpoint. After new rules are adopted under section 97C.605, a person may only take  
2.13 snapping turtles of a size specified in the adopted rules.

2.14 Subd. 2. **Western painted turtles.** (a) A person may not possess more than three Western  
2.15 painted turtles of the species *Chrysemys picta* ~~without a turtle seller's license~~. Western  
2.16 painted turtles must be between 4 and 5-1/2 inches in shell length.

2.17 (b) This subdivision does not apply to persons acting under section 97C.605, subdivision  
2.18 2c, ~~clause (4)~~ paragraph (a).

2.19 ~~Subd. 3. **Spiny softshell.** A person may not possess spiny softshell turtles of the species~~  
2.20 ~~*Apalone spinifera* after December 1, 2021, without an aquatic farm or private fish hatchery~~  
2.21 ~~license with a turtle endorsement.~~

2.22 Subd. 4. **Other species.** A person may not possess any other species of turtle ~~without~~  
2.23 except with an aquatic farm or private fish hatchery license with a turtle endorsement or as  
2.24 specified under section 97C.605, subdivision 2c."

2.25 Page 3, after line 25, insert:

2.26 "Sec. 8. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.27 Sections 1 to 7 are effective January 1, 2024."