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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 252, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to hand fishing, with penalty provisions.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 252, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 252.250, to read as follows:

**252.250. 1. Nothing in section 252.040 shall preclude a person from hand fishing for catfish or carp in the months of June and July in the state of Missouri under regulation by the department of conservation.**

**2. Hand fishing shall be permitted twenty-four hours a day in all waters within the jurisdiction of this state that are currently open for hook-and-line fishing of catfish and carp, as provided in this chapter.**

**3. Any person engaging in hand fishing shall use only his or her bare hands to do so. No hooks, poles or ropes with hooks attached, gaffs, spears, nets, or other man-made devices shall be used. Any person engaging in hand fishing shall not use any scuba equipment, air hose, or other artificial breathing apparatus. Such person shall not place any artificial structures in the water or alter any natural or artificial structures. Such person shall not raise any part of a natural or artificial structure out of the water to aid in the taking of carp or catfish by hand fishing.**

**4. Any person violating the provisions of this section is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.**

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