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By: Representative Collier

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GAME AND FISH COMMISSION TO EXCLUDE FROM THE
LICENSE REQUIREMENT THOSE RESIDENTS OF ARKANSAS WHO DO NOT
FISH IN TROUT WATERS OR IN COMMISSION-OWNED LAKES BUT WHO
FISH ONLY FROM THE BANK IN OTHER WATERS WHILE USING WORMS OR
DOUGH BALLS FOR BAIT.

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission should be highly
complimented for the fact that it has constructed more large public fishing
lakes than have been constructed by any other state game and fish commission;
and

WHEREAS, the Commission also should be highly commended for its excellent
work in helping to establish and manage trout fishing in the cold water
releases below some of the Corps of Engineers impoundments; and

WHEREAS, the excellent fishing that has been made available by both the
trout fishery and the Commission-owned lakes not only has provided tremendous
outdoor recreational benefits but also has provided substantial economic
benefits; and

WHEREAS, although the Commission also should be commended for those other
things that the Commission does to bring direct and indirect benefits to the
fishing public there are some members of the fishing public who receive no
direct or indirect benefits from Commission activities; and

WHEREAS, most of these other members of our fishing public are those for
which the cost of a fishing license represents an economic hardship,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVENTY-SEVENTH GENERAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas hereby requests the
Game and Fish Commission to exclude from the license requirement those

fishermen who are residents of our state and who do not fish for trout or in Commission-owned lakes and those who do not fish with minnows or artificial lures for bait but instead fish only from the bank with worms or dough balls for bait.