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**An Act To Promote Biosecurity and Better Regulate the
Importation, Possession and Use of Aquatic Species**

Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator VOLK of Cumberland.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12152, sub-§2-A** is enacted to read:

3 **2-A. Prohibition on certain amphibians and aquatic invertebrates.** A person
4 may not introduce, import or possess the following amphibians and aquatic invertebrates
5 in the State unless a permit is issued by the commissioner under this section:

6 A. Any species of freshwater clam, or any species in the Corbicula genus;

7 B. Zebra mussel, Dreissena polymorpha;

8 C. Freshwater Asian gold clam, Pilsbryconcha exilis;

9 D. Red swamp crayfish, Procambrarus clarkii; or

10 E. African clawed frog, Xenopus laevis.

11 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §12152, sub-§2-B** is enacted to read:

12 **2-B. Aquarium species.** Except as provided in paragraph A, a permit is not required
13 to introduce, import or possess fish when those fish are kept in an aquarium.

14 A. A person may not introduce, import or possess the following fish species unless a
15 permit is issued by the commissioner under this section:

16 (1) Amur catfish, Parasilurus asotus;

17 (2) Anjumara, Hoplias aimara;

18 (3) Arapaima, or any species in the Arapaima genus;

19 (4) Asian redtail catfish, Hemibagrus wyckioide;

20 (5) Bala shark, Balantiocheilos melanopterus;

21 (6) Bighead carp, Hypophthalmichthys nobilis;

22 (7) Black bass, or any species in the Micropterus genus;

23 (8) Black carp, Mylopharyngodon piceus;

24 (9) Black crappie, Pomoxis nigromaculatus;

25 (10) Blue catfish, Ictalurus furcatus;

26 (11) Blue tilapia, Oreochromis aureus;

27 (12) Bowfin, Amia calva;

28 (13) Brown bullhead, Ameiurus nebulosus;

29 (14) Catla, Catla catla;

30 (15) Channel catfish, Ictalurus punctatus;

31 (16) Chinese high fin banded shark, Myxocyprinus asiaticus;

32 (17) Chinese paddlefish, Psephurus gladius;

- 1 (18) Columbian shark, Arius jordani;
- 2 (19) Common carp, Cyprinus carpio;
- 3 (20) Common pleco, Hypostomus plecostomus;
- 4 (21) Crucian carp, Carassius carassius;
- 5 (22) Dace, or any species in the Leuciscus genus;
- 6 (23) Flathead grey mullet, Mugil cephalus;
- 7 (24) Freshwater drum, Aplodinotus grunniens;
- 8 (25) Gar, or any species in the Lepisosteidae family;
- 9 (26) Giant barb, Catlocarpio siamensis;
- 10 (27) Giant freshwater stingray, Himantura polylepis;
- 11 (28) Gizzard shad, Dorosoma cepedianum;
- 12 (29) Goliath tigerfish, Hydrocynus goliath;
- 13 (30) Goonch, Bagarius yarrelli;
- 14 (31) Grass carp, Ctenopharyngodon idella;
- 15 (32) Iridescent shark, or any species in the Pangasianodon genus;
- 16 (33) Mahseer, Tor tor;
- 17 (34) Mekong giant catfish, Pangasianodon gigas;
- 18 (35) Mrigal carp, Cirrhinus mrigala;
- 19 (36) Northern pike, Esox lucius;
- 20 (37) Orangefin labeo, Labeo calbasu;
- 21 (38) Pacu, Piaractus brachypomus;
- 22 (39) Redtail catfish, Phractocephalus hemioliopus;
- 23 (40) Rock bass, Ambloplites rupestris;
- 24 (41) Rohu, Labeo rohita;
- 25 (42) Round goby, Neogobius melanostomus;
- 26 (43) Rudd, Scardinius erythrophthalmus;
- 27 (44) Silver carp, Hypophthalmichthys molitrix;
- 28 (45) Snakehead, or any species in the Channidae family;
- 29 (46) Sturgeon, or any species in the Acipenseridae family;
- 30 (47) Sunfish, or any species in the Lepomis genus;
- 31 (48) Tench, Tinca tinca;
- 32 (49) Walking catfish, Clarias batrachus;

