## **SENATE BILL 114**

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By: Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)

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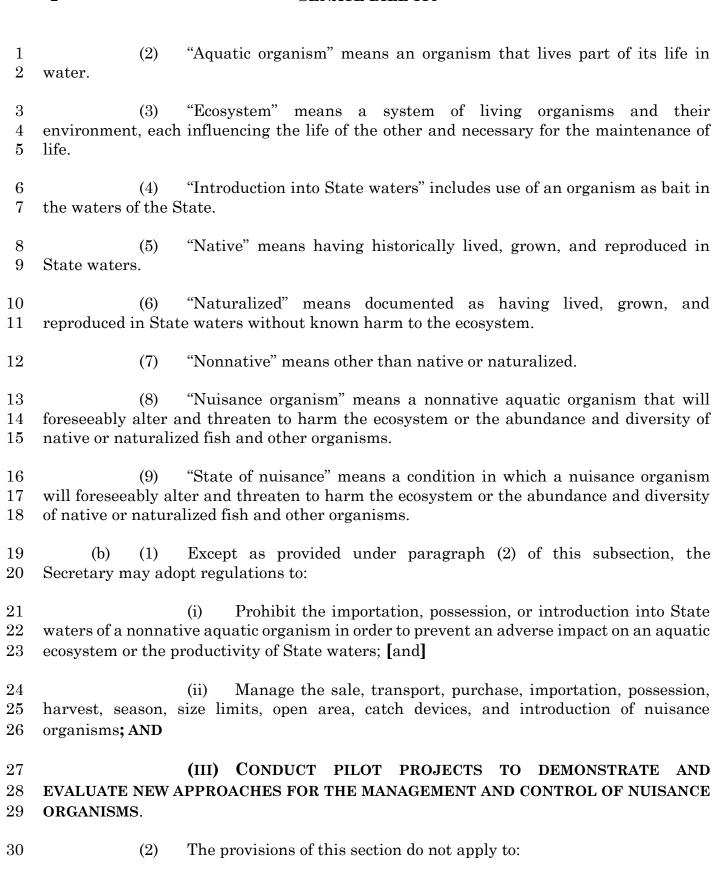
## A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning
2 3	Natural Resources – Nuisance Organisms – Pilot Projects and Northern Snakeheads
4 5 6 7 8	FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to adopt regulations to conduct certain pilot projects for the management and control of nuisance organisms; authorizing the holder of a commercial northern snakehead license to use hook and line gear; making conforming changes; and generally relating to nuisance organisms.
9 10 11 12 13	BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, Article – Natural Resources Section 4–205.1(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)
14 15 16 17 18	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Natural Resources Section 4–205.1(b) and 4–701.1 Annotated Code of Maryland (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)
19 20	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
21	Article - Natural Resources
22 23	4-205.1.  (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.





31 (i) An aquaculture operation for which the Department has issued 32 a permit under Subtitle 11A of this title;

- 1 (ii) The possession, importation, or transport of a nonnative aquatic 2 organism for purposes related to a permitted aquaculture operation; or 3 A person that has a valid nursery inspection certificate or plant dealer license issued in accordance with Title 5, Subtitle 3 of the Agriculture Article. 4 5 4-701.1.6 There is a commercial northern snakehead [bowfishing] license. (a) 7 (b) (1) The license authorizes the holder to catch for sale northern snakeheads in the tidal waters of the State using [a bow]: 8 9 **(I)** A BOW and arrow attached to a retrieval line; OR 10 HOOK AND LINE. (II) 11 (2)A licensee may not fish WITH A BOW AND ARROW under the license 12 within 100 yards of: 13 (i) Another person or vessel; 14 (ii) A public or private swimming area; A diver down flag; or 15 (iii) 16 (iv) An occupied offshore stationary blind. 17 An applicant for a license does not need to hold a tidal fish license under § 18 4–701 of this subtitle to be eligible for the license. 19 (d) A person who wishes to obtain a license shall complete and submit an 20 application for the license to the Department or any person designated by the Department. 21The term of the license is 1 year from September 1 through August 31 of the (e) 22 following year. 23 (f) The annual license fee is \$15. A licensee may not transfer a license issued under this section. 24(g) 25(h) A licensee who fishes for northern snakehead under the license shall possess
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2020.

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the license.