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## A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning
2	Cownose Ray Fishing Contests - Prohibition
3	FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from sponsoring, conducting, or participating in a
4	cownose ray fishing contest in State waters; requiring the Secretary of Natural
5	Resources to adopt certain regulations; defining a certain term; and generally
6	relating to cownose ray fishing contests.
7	BY adding to
8	Article – Natural Resources
9	Section 4–748
10	Annotated Code of Maryland
11	(2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)
12	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND
13	That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
14	Article - Natural Resources
15	4–748.
16	(A) IN THIS SECTION, "COWNOSE RAY FISHING CONTEST" MEANS ANY
17	COMPETITION, TOURNAMENT, OR DERBY WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF CATCHING OR
18	KILLING COWNOSE RAYS FOR:
19	(1) PRIZES OR OTHER INDUCEMENTS; OR

ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES.

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- 1 (B) A PERSON MAY NOT SPONSOR, CONDUCT, OR PARTICIPATE IN A 2 COWNOSE RAY FISHING CONTEST IN STATE WATERS.
- 3 (C) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS 4 SECTION.
- $\,\,$  SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 6  $\,\,$  1, 2017.