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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019**

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RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- GENERAL PROVISIONS

Introduced By: Senator Erin Lynch Prata

Date Introduced: February 27, 2019

Referred To: Senate Environment & Agriculture

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 20-1-26 of the General Laws in Chapter 20-1 entitled "General  
2 Provisions" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **20-1-26. ~~Freshwater invasive aquatic plants -- Prohibition on importation and~~**  
4 **possession Invasive plants -- Prohibition on importation and possession.**

5           (a) No person shall import, transport, disperse, distribute, introduce, sell, purchase, or  
6 possess in the state any species of non-native (exotic) ~~freshwater~~ invasive ~~aquatic~~ plants, as  
7 defined by the director. The director shall promulgate rules and regulations governing the  
8 prohibition and its applicability. The prohibition and its enforcement shall not become effective  
9 until the rules and regulations governing the prohibition and its applicability take effect.

10           (b) Violations of this section shall be punishable by a fine of not more than five hundred  
11 dollars (\$500).

12           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would prohibit the importation, transportation, disbursement, distribution, sale,
- 2 purchase, or possession of any species of non-native (exotic) invasive plants.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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