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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101       **CONCERNING THE FINANCING OF THE DIVISION OF PARKS AND**  
102               **WILDLIFE'S AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES PROGRAM, AND, IN**  
103               **CONNECTION THEREWITH, CREATING AN AQUATIC NUISANCE**  
104               **SPECIES STAMP FOR THE OPERATION OF MOTORBOATS AND**  
105               **SAILBOATS IN WATERS OF THE STATE, INCREASING PENALTIES**  
106               **RELATED TO THE INTRODUCTION OF AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES**  
107               **INTO THE WATERS OF THE STATE, AND COMBINING TWO**  
108               **SEPARATE FUNDS RELATED TO THE AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES**  
109               **PROGRAM INTO ONE FUND.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that*

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**Water Resources Review Committee. Section 3** of the bill updates a legislative declaration concerning aquatic nuisance species to encourage the federal government to dedicate sufficient funding and resources to the detection, prevention, control, and eradication of aquatic nuisance species for federally owned or managed aquatic resources and water infrastructure in Colorado.

**Section 4** defines "motorboat" and "sailboat".

**Section 5** authorizes the division of parks and wildlife (division) to seek reimbursement from a conveyance owner (*i.e.*, motor vehicles, trailers, and watercraft) for the storage and decontamination of a conveyance that has been impounded and quarantined due to the suspected presence of an aquatic nuisance species.

**Section 6** requires an in-state resident registering a motorboat or sailboat in Colorado for use on or after January 1, 2019, to pay a \$25 fee for an aquatic nuisance species stamp in addition to the watercraft registration fee. A nonresident using a motorboat or sailboat in waters of the state on or after January 1, 2019, is required to pay a \$50 fee for an aquatic nuisance species stamp.

**Section 7** increases penalties related to aquatic nuisance species and creates new penalties for failing to purchase an aquatic nuisance species stamp; failing to comply with a qualified peace officer's or an authorized agent's request to stop, detain, and inspect a vessel; and launching a vessel without first obtaining a vessel inspection at an aquatic nuisance species check station.

**Section 8** combines the division of parks and outdoor recreation aquatic nuisance species fund and the division of wildlife aquatic nuisance species fund into a single fund: The division of parks and wildlife aquatic nuisance species fund.

**Sections 1, 2, 9, and 10** make conforming amendments.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 33-1-112, **repeal**

3 (1)(b) as follows:

4 **33-1-112. Funds - cost accounting - definition - repeal.**

5 (1) (b) ~~For the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2008, there shall be~~  
6 ~~transferred one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars from the~~  
7 ~~wildlife cash fund to the division of wildlife aquatic nuisance species~~

1 ~~fund, created in section 33-10.5-108.~~

2 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 33-10-111, **amend**  
3 (1) as follows:

4 **33-10-111. Parks and outdoor recreation cash fund - parks for**  
5 **future generations trust fund - creation - fees - accounting**  
6 **expenditures for roads and highways - definition.** (1) Except as  
7 provided in subsection (6) of this section and ~~sections 33-14-106~~  
8 SECTIONS 33-10.5-104.5, 33-10.5-105, 33-14-106, 33-14.5-106, and  
9 33-15-103, all ~~moneys~~ MONEY derived pursuant to articles 10 to 15 of this  
10 ~~title~~ TITLE 33 from division facilities and fees, and all interest earned on  
11 ~~such moneys~~ THE MONEY, shall be credited to the parks and outdoor  
12 recreation cash fund, which is hereby created, together with all ~~moneys~~  
13 MONEY donated, transferred, or appropriated from whatever source for the  
14 use of the division in administering, managing, and supervising the state  
15 parks and outdoor recreation system and in the financing of impact  
16 assistance grants pursuant to part 3 of article 25 of title 30. ~~C.R.S.~~ All  
17 cash receipts from state-owned desert, saline, and internal improvement  
18 lands shall be credited to the parks and outdoor recreation cash fund.

19 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 33-10.5-101  
20 as follows:

21 **33-10.5-101. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly  
22 hereby ~~recognizes the~~ FINDS, DETERMINES, AND DECLARES THAT:

23 (a) AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES HAVE devastating economic,  
24 environmental, and social impacts ~~of aquatic nuisance species~~ on the  
25 aquatic resources and water infrastructure of the state;

26 (b) ~~The general assembly further recognizes the potential of~~  
27 Recreational vessels ~~to be~~ ARE a significant source of the spread of

1 aquatic nuisance species in Colorado;

2 (c) ONE OF THE DIVISION'S HIGHEST PRIORITIES SHOULD BE THE  
3 PREVENTION, CONTAINMENT, AND ERADICATION OF AQUATIC NUISANCE  
4 SPECIES IN WATERS OF THE STATE IN WHICH THE SPECIES HAVE BEEN  
5 DETECTED OR ARE LIKELY TO BE INTRODUCED; AND

6 (d) Therefore, ~~the general assembly finds, determines, and~~  
7 ~~declares that~~ the purposes of enacting this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 10.5 are:

8 (I) To implement actions to detect, prevent, contain, control,  
9 monitor, and, whenever possible, eradicate aquatic nuisance species from  
10 the waters of the state and to protect human health, safety, and welfare  
11 from aquatic nuisance species; ~~It is the intent of the general assembly~~ AND

12 (II) To foster and encourage, to the greatest extent possible,  
13 voluntary compliance with this ~~article~~. ~~It is the intent of the general~~  
14 ~~assembly that prevention, containment, and eradication of aquatic~~  
15 ~~nuisance species in waters of the state in which such species have been~~  
16 ~~detected or are likely to be introduced, shall be the division's highest~~  
17 ~~priorities~~ ARTICLE 10.5.

18 (2) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FURTHER FINDS, DETERMINES, AND  
19 DECLARES THAT:

20 (a) SOME OF THE AQUATIC RESOURCES AND WATER  
21 INFRASTRUCTURE WITHIN THE STATE ARE OWNED OR MANAGED BY THE  
22 UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION, THE UNITED STATES ARMY  
23 CORPS OF ENGINEERS, THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE, OR ANOTHER  
24 AGENCY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND NOT BY THE DIVISION;

25 (b) A FAILURE TO DETECT, PREVENT, CONTAIN, AND, WHEN  
26 POSSIBLE, ERADICATE AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES FROM ANY ONE OF  
27 THESE FEDERALLY MANAGED AQUATIC RESOURCES OR WATER

1 INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES WOULD THREATEN THE HEALTH AND  
2 VIBRANCY OF ALL AQUATIC RESOURCES AND WATER INFRASTRUCTURE  
3 FACILITIES WITHIN THE STATE; AND

4 (c) THEREFORE, THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THIS ARTICLE 10.5 IS  
5 ENACTED MAY BE ACHIEVED ONLY IF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT  
6 DEDICATES SUFFICIENT FUNDING AND RESOURCES TO THE PREVENTION,  
7 CONTAINMENT, AND, WHEN POSSIBLE, ERADICATION OF AQUATIC  
8 NUISANCE SPECIES FROM THE AQUATIC RESOURCES AND WATER  
9 INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGED BY FEDERAL AGENCIES WITHIN THE STATE.

10 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 33-10.5-102, **amend**  
11 the introductory portion; and **add** (8.5) and (10) as follows:

12 **33-10.5-102. Definitions.** As used in this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 10.5,  
13 unless the context otherwise requires:

14 (8.5) "MOTORBOAT" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN  
15 SECTION 33-13-102 (1).

16 (10) "SAILBOAT" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN  
17 SECTION 33-13-102 (4).

18 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 33-10.5-104, **amend**  
19 (3); and **add** (6) as follows:

20 **33-10.5-104. Inspection of conveyances - impoundment and**  
21 **quarantine - reimbursement - rules.** (3) The impoundment and  
22 quarantine of a conveyance may continue for the reasonable period  
23 necessary to inspect and decontaminate the conveyance and ensure that  
24 the aquatic nuisance species has been completely ~~eradicated~~ REMOVED  
25 from the conveyance and is no longer living.

26 (6) (a) WHEN A CONVEYANCE THAT HAS BEEN IMPOUNDED AND  
27 QUARANTINED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IS DECONTAMINATED, THE

1 DIVISION MAY CHARGE THE OWNER OF THE CONVEYANCE THE COST  
2 INCURRED BY THE DIVISION OR ITS CONTRACTOR IN STORING AND  
3 DECONTAMINATING THE CONVEYANCE.

4 (b) THE CHARGE IMPOSED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (6)(a) OF  
5 THIS SECTION SHALL BE TRANSMITTED TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO  
6 SHALL CREDIT THE AMOUNTS TO THE DIVISION OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE  
7 AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES FUND, CREATED IN SECTION 33-10.5-108.

8 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 33-10.5-104.5  
9 as follows:

10 **33-10.5-104.5. Aquatic nuisance species stamp - creation -**  
11 **short title - rules.** (1) THE SHORT TITLE OF THIS SECTION IS THE  
12 "MUSSEL-FREE COLORADO ACT".

13 (2) (a) WHEN OBTAINING A VESSEL REGISTRATION FROM THE  
14 DIVISION PURSUANT TO SECTION 33-13-103 FOR 2019 AND SUBSEQUENT  
15 YEARS, A PERSON SHALL ALSO PURCHASE AN AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES  
16 STAMP FROM THE DIVISION AT A COST OF TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS. THE  
17 PERSON'S VESSEL REGISTRATION SUFFICIENTLY DEMONSTRATES PAYMENT  
18 FOR THE AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES STAMP.

19 (b) ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2019, FOR ANY MOTORBOAT OR  
20 SAILBOAT EXEMPTED FROM REGISTRATION IN COLORADO PURSUANT TO  
21 SECTION 33-13-103 (1)(b) TO (1)(d), A PERSON SHALL PURCHASE AN  
22 AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES STAMP FROM THE DIVISION AT A COST OF  
23 FIFTY DOLLARS TO OPERATE OR USE THE MOTORBOAT OR SAILBOAT ON THE  
24 WATERS OF THIS STATE OR TO POSSESS THE MOTORBOAT OR SAILBOAT AT  
25 A VESSEL STAGING AREA; EXCEPT THAT A PERSON EXEMPTED FROM  
26 REGISTRATION IN COLORADO UNDER SECTION 33-13-103 (1)(b), BUT WHO  
27 IS A COLORADO RESIDENT, NEED ONLY PAY TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS FOR AN

1 AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES STAMP PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF  
2 THIS SECTION. A PERSON WHO PAYS FOR AN AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES  
3 STAMP FOR A MOTORBOAT OR SAILBOAT PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION  
4 (2)(b) SHALL, WHEN OPERATING THE MOTORBOAT OR SAILBOAT, RETAIN  
5 THE STAMP RECEIPT ON HIS OR HER PERSON OR ON THE MOTORBOAT OR  
6 SAILBOAT.

7 (3) THE PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION MAY, BY RULE  
8 ADOPTED AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION, ADJUST THE  
9 AMOUNT OF THE AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES STAMP DESCRIBED IN  
10 SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION BY AN AMOUNT UP TO THE TOTAL  
11 AMOUNT REFLECTED BY THE CHANGES MADE IN THE UNITED STATES  
12 BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR THE  
13 DENVER-BOULDER-GREELEY CONSOLIDATED METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL  
14 AREA FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS AND ALL GOODS, OR ITS SUCCESSOR  
15 INDEX.

16 (4) THE DIVISION SHALL TRANSMIT THE STAMP FEES COLLECTED  
17 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL  
18 CREDIT THEM TO THE DIVISION OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE AQUATIC  
19 NUISANCE SPECIES FUND CREATED IN SECTION 33-10.5-108.

20 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 33-10.5-105  
21 as follows:

22 **33-10.5-105. Prohibition of aquatic nuisance species -**  
23 **penalties.** (1) ~~No~~ A person shall NOT:

24 (a) Possess, import, export, ship, or transport an aquatic nuisance  
25 species;

26 (b) Release, place, plant, or cause to be released, placed, or  
27 planted into the waters of the state an aquatic nuisance species; ~~or~~

1 (c) Refuse to comply with a proper order issued under this ~~article~~  
2 ARTICLE 10.5; OR

3 (d) FAIL OR REFUSE TO REIMBURSE THE DIVISION IN ACCORDANCE  
4 WITH SECTION 33-10.5-104 ~~(6)(a)~~.

5 (2) (a) A person who knowingly or willfully violates subsection  
6 (1) of this section:

7 (a) (I) For a first offense, is guilty of a class 2 petty offense, as  
8 defined by section 18-1.3-503, ~~C.R.S.~~, and, upon conviction, shall be  
9 ~~subject to a fine of one hundred fifty~~ FINED FIVE HUNDRED dollars and  
10 ~~shall be~~ issued a warning FROM THE DIVISION of the increased penalties  
11 for subsequent violations; ~~from the division~~;

12 (b) (II) For a second offense, is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon  
13 conviction, shall be fined one thousand dollars; and

14 (c) (III) For a third and any subsequent offense, commits a class  
15 2 misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished as provided in  
16 section 18-1.3-501. ~~C.R.S.~~

17 (b) THE FINE AMOUNTS COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS  
18 SUBSECTION (2) SHALL BE TRANSMITTED TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO  
19 SHALL CREDIT THE AMOUNTS TO THE DIVISION OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE  
20 AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES FUND, CREATED IN SECTION 33-10.5-108.

21 (3) (a) A PERSON SHALL NOT:

22 (I) FAIL OR REFUSE TO COMPLY WITH A QUALIFIED PEACE OFFICER'S  
23 OR AN AUTHORIZED AGENT'S REQUEST, PURSUANT TO SECTION  
24 33-10.5-104, TO STOP, DETAIN, AND INSPECT ANY CONVEYANCE THAT THE  
25 PERSON IS OPERATING;

26 (II) LAUNCH A VESSEL WITHOUT OBTAINING A CONVEYANCE  
27 INSPECTION AT AN AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES CHECK STATION PURSUANT



1 TO SECTION 33-10.5-103; OR

2 (III) IF REQUIRED TO PURCHASE AN AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES  
3 STAMP PURSUANT TO SECTION 33-10.5-104.5, FAIL OR REFUSE TO  
4 PURCHASE THE STAMP.

5 (b) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF THIS SECTION  
6 IS GUILTY OF A CLASS 2 PETTY OFFENSE AND, UPON CONVICTION, SHALL BE  
7 PUNISHED BY A FINE OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

8 (c) THE PROCEEDS FROM COLLECTION OF THE FINES IMPOSED  
9 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (3) SHALL BE TRANSMITTED TO THE STATE  
10 TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT THE AMOUNTS COLLECTED TO THE  
11 DIVISION OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES FUND  
12 CREATED IN SECTION 33-10.5-108.

13 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 33-10.5-108  
14 as follows:

15 **33-10.5-108. Division of parks and wildlife aquatic nuisance**  
16 **species fund - creation - repeal.** (1) (a) (I) There is hereby created in the  
17 state treasury the division of parks and ~~outdoor recreation~~ WILDLIFE  
18 aquatic nuisance species fund, ALSO REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE  
19 "FUND", which shall be administered by the division. ~~of parks and wildlife~~  
20 ~~in the department of natural resources and~~ THE FUND consists of all  
21 money transferred by the STATE treasurer as specified in ~~section~~ SECTIONS  
22 39-29-109.3 (2)(m), ~~and subsection (1.5)(a) of this section~~ 33-10.5-104.5,  
23 AND 33-10.5-105. All money in the fund is continuously appropriated to  
24 the division ~~of parks and wildlife~~ for the purpose of implementing ~~the~~  
25 ~~provisions of~~ this article 10.5. All money in the fund at the end of each  
26 fiscal year ~~shall remain~~ REMAINS in the fund and ~~shall~~ DOES not revert to  
27 the general fund or any other fund.

1 (II) ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION (1)(a)(II), THE  
2 STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER THE UNOBLIGATED BALANCE OF THE  
3 DIVISION OF WILDLIFE AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES FUND, AS IT EXISTED  
4 PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION (1)(a)(II), TO THE  
5 FUND. THIS SUBSECTION (1)(a)(II) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019.

6 (b) In the use of ~~such moneys~~ THE MONEY IN THE FUND, priority  
7 shall be given to containment and eradication of aquatic nuisance species  
8 in the waters of the state in which ~~such~~ AQUATIC NUISANCE species have  
9 been detected and prevention of the introduction of AQUATIC nuisance  
10 species in areas determined to be most vulnerable to such an introduction.

11 (1.5) ~~On July 1, 2017, the state treasurer shall transfer from the~~  
12 ~~general fund:~~

13 (a) ~~Two million four hundred fifty-two thousand one hundred~~  
14 ~~ninety-three dollars to the division of parks and outdoor recreation aquatic~~  
15 ~~nuisance species fund; and~~

16 (b) ~~One million one hundred eighty-four thousand one hundred~~  
17 ~~seventy-one dollars to the division of wildlife aquatic nuisance species~~  
18 ~~fund.~~

19 (2) (a) ~~There is hereby created in the state treasury the division of~~  
20 ~~wildlife aquatic nuisance species fund, which shall be administered by the~~  
21 ~~division of parks and wildlife in the department of natural resources and~~  
22 ~~consists of all money transferred by the treasurer as specified in sections~~  
23 ~~33-1-112 and 39-29-109.3 (2)(m) and subsection (1.5)(b) of this section.~~  
24 ~~All money in the fund is continuously appropriated to the division of~~  
25 ~~parks and wildlife for the purpose of implementing the provisions of this~~  
26 ~~article 10.5. All money in the fund at the end of each fiscal year shall~~  
27 ~~remain in the fund and shall not revert to the general fund or any other~~

1 fund:

2 ~~(b) In the use of such moneys, priority shall be given to~~  
3 ~~containment and eradication of aquatic nuisance species in the waters of~~  
4 ~~the state in which such species have been detected and prevention of the~~  
5 ~~introduction of nuisance species in areas determined to be most~~  
6 ~~vulnerable to such an introduction.~~

7 **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 33-15-103, **amend**  
8 (1)(a) as follows:

9 **33-15-103. Disposition of fines - notice of court decisions.**

10 (1) (a) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 33-10.5-105 (2)(b) AND (3)(c),  
11 all ~~moneys~~ MONEY collected for fines under this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 15 and  
12 articles 10 to 13 and 32 of this ~~title~~ TITLE 33, either by payment of a  
13 penalty assessment or assessed by a court upon conviction, shall be  
14 transmitted to the state treasurer, who shall credit ~~such moneys~~ THE  
15 MONEY to the parks and outdoor recreation cash fund; except that, when  
16 an arrest has been made or the citation for any offense, including those  
17 committed under article 14 of this ~~title~~ TITLE 33, has been issued by a  
18 wildlife officer of the division of parks and wildlife, all ~~moneys~~ MONEY  
19 collected for the fine shall be transmitted to the state treasurer, who shall  
20 credit one-half to the wildlife cash fund and one-half to the general fund.

21 **SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-29-109.3,  
22 **amend** (2)(m) as follows:

23 **39-29-109.3. Severance tax operational fund - repeal.**

24 (2) Subject to the requirements of subsections (3) and (4) of this section,  
25 if the general assembly chooses not to spend up to one hundred percent  
26 of the money in the operational fund as specified in subsection (1) of this  
27 section, the state treasurer shall transfer the following:

1 (m) For the mitigation of aquatic nuisance species as specified in  
2 article 10.5 of title 33: ~~C.R.S.:~~

3 (I) Repealed.

4 (II) For the state fiscal year commencing July 1, 2009, and every  
5 state fiscal year thereafter, four million six thousand five dollars as  
6 follows: ~~Two million seven hundred one thousand four hundred sixty-one~~  
7 ~~dollars~~ to the division of parks and ~~outdoor recreation~~ WILDLIFE aquatic  
8 nuisance species fund created in section 33-10.5-108 (1). ~~C.R.S.;~~ and one  
9 million three hundred four thousand five hundred forty-four dollars to the  
10 ~~division of wildlife aquatic nuisance species fund created in section~~  
11 ~~33-10.5-108 (2), C.R.S.~~

12 **SECTION 11. Act subject to petition - effective date -**  
13 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following  
14 the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the  
15 general assembly (August 8, 2018, if adjournment sine die is on May 9,  
16 2018); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1  
17 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section,  
18 or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part  
19 will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election  
20 to be held in November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the  
21 date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

22 (2) This act applies to offenses committed and conveyances  
23 registered on or after the applicable effective date of this act.