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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.**

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

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov/>.)

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.

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

6 **33-10.5-104.5. Aquatic nuisance species stamp - creation -**
7 **short title - rules.** (1) THE SHORT TITLE OF THIS SECTION IS THE
8 "MUSSEL-FREE COLORADO ACT".

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

15 (b) ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2019, FOR ANY MOTORBOAT OR
16 SAILBOAT EXEMPTED FROM REGISTRATION IN COLORADO PURSUANT TO
17 SECTION 33-13-103 (1)(b) TO (1)(d), A PERSON SHALL PURCHASE AN
18 AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES STAMP FROM THE DIVISION AT A COST OF
19 FIFTY DOLLARS TO OPERATE OR USE THE MOTORBOAT OR SAILBOAT ON THE
20 WATERS OF THIS STATE OR TO POSSESS THE MOTORBOAT OR SAILBOAT AT
21 A VESSEL STAGING AREA; EXCEPT THAT A PERSON EXEMPTED FROM
22 REGISTRATION IN COLORADO UNDER SECTION 33-13-103 (1)(b), BUT WHO
23 IS A COLORADO RESIDENT, NEED ONLY PAY TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS FOR AN
24 AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES STAMP PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF
25 THIS SECTION. A PERSON WHO PAYS FOR AN AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES
26 STAMP FOR A MOTORBOAT OR SAILBOAT PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION
27 (2)(b) SHALL, WHEN OPERATING THE MOTORBOAT OR SAILBOAT, RETAIN

1 THE STAMP RECEIPT ON HIS OR HER PERSON OR ON THE MOTORBOAT OR
2 SAILBOAT.

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

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

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

18 **33-10.5-105. Prohibition of aquatic nuisance species -**
19 **penalties.** (1) ~~No~~ A person shall NOT:

20 (a) Possess, import, export, ship, or transport an aquatic nuisance
21 species;

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

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

26 (d) FAIL OR REFUSE TO REIMBURSE THE DIVISION IN ACCORDANCE
27 WITH SECTION 33-10.5-104 (6).

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

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

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

10 (c) (III) For a third and any subsequent offense, commits a class
11 2 misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished as provided in
12 section 18-1.3-501. ~~C.R.S.~~

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

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

18 (I) FAIL OR REFUSE TO COMPLY WITH A QUALIFIED PEACE OFFICER'S
19 OR AN AUTHORIZED AGENT'S REQUEST, PURSUANT TO SECTION
20 33-10.5-104, TO STOP, DETAIN, AND INSPECT ANY CONVEYANCE THAT THE
21 PERSON IS OPERATING;

22 (II) LAUNCH A VESSEL WITHOUT OBTAINING A CONVEYANCE
23 INSPECTION AT AN AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES CHECK STATION PURSUANT
24 TO SECTION 33-10.5-103; OR

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

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

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

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

11 **33-10.5-108. Division of parks and wildlife aquatic nuisance**
12 **species fund - creation - repeal.** (1) (a) (I) There is hereby created in the
13 state treasury the division of parks and ~~outdoor recreation~~ WILDLIFE
14 aquatic nuisance species fund, ALSO REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE
15 "FUND", which shall be administered by the division. ~~of parks and wildlife~~
16 ~~in the department of natural resources and~~ THE FUND consists of all
17 money transferred by the STATE treasurer as specified in ~~section~~ SECTIONS
18 39-29-109.3 (2)(m), ~~and subsection (1.5)(a) of this section~~ 33-10.5-104.5,
19 AND 33-10.5-105. All money in the fund is continuously appropriated to
20 the division of ~~parks and wildlife~~ for the purpose of implementing ~~the~~
21 ~~provisions of~~ this article 10.5. All money in the fund at the end of each
22 fiscal year ~~shall remain~~ REMAINS in the fund and ~~shall~~ DOES not revert to
23 the general fund or any other fund.

24 (II) ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION (1)(a)(II), THE
25 STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER THE UNOBLIGATED BALANCE OF THE
26 DIVISION OF WILDLIFE AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES FUND, AS IT EXISTED
27 PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION (1)(a)(II), TO THE

1 FUND. THIS SUBSECTION (1)(a)(II) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019.

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

7 (1.5) ~~On July 1, 2017, the state treasurer shall transfer from the~~
8 ~~general fund:~~

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

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

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

25 (b) ~~In the use of such moneys, priority shall be given to~~
26 ~~containment and eradication of aquatic nuisance species in the waters of~~
27 ~~the state in which such species have been detected and prevention of the~~

1 ~~introduction of nuisance species in areas determined to be most~~
2 ~~vulnerable to such an introduction.~~

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

5 **33-15-103. Disposition of fines - notice of court decisions.**

6 (1) (a) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 33-10.5-105 (2)(b), all ~~moneys~~
7 MONEY collected for fines under this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 15 and articles 10 to
8 13 and 32 of this ~~title~~ TITLE 33, either by payment of a penalty assessment
9 or assessed by a court upon conviction, shall be transmitted to the state
10 treasurer, who shall credit ~~such moneys~~ THE MONEY to the parks and
11 outdoor recreation cash fund; except that, when an arrest has been made
12 or the citation for any offense, including those committed under article 14
13 of this ~~title~~ TITLE 33, has been issued by a wildlife officer of the division
14 of parks and wildlife, all ~~moneys~~ MONEY collected for the fine shall be
15 transmitted to the state treasurer, who shall credit one-half to the wildlife
16 cash fund and one-half to the general fund.

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

19 **39-29-109.3. Severance tax operational fund - repeal.**

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

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

26 (I) Repealed.

27 (II) For the state fiscal year commencing July 1, 2009, and every

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

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

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