

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1320 Session of
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APRIL 11, 2005

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 13, 2005

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, restricting the ~~possession~~ TRANSPORT, sale, <—
3 importation or release of snakehead fish.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Title 30 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 2508. Restrictions on ~~possession~~ TRANSPORT, sale, importation <—
9 or release of snakehead fish.

10 (a) General rule.--No person shall ~~possess~~ TRANSPORT, sell, <—
11 offer for sale or release in this Commonwealth or import, bring
12 or cause to be brought or imported into this Commonwealth a
13 snakehead fish of the genus Channa or the genus Ophicephalus.

14 (B) CONSTRUCTION.--POSSESSION OF A SNAKEHEAD FISH OF THE <—
15 GENUS CHANNA OR THE GENUS OPHICEPHALUS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO

1 PROSECUTION UNDER SECTION 2102(A) AND (C) (RELATING TO RULES AND
2 REGULATIONS).

3 ~~(b)~~ (C) Penalty.--Any person who violates this section <—
4 commits a misdemeanor of the third degree.

5 SECTION 2. THE PROVISIONS OF 30 PA.C.S. § 2102 ARE REPEALED <—
6 INsofar AS THEY ARE INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ACT.

7 Section ~~2~~ 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days. <—