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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill clarifies the scope of the harmful exotic species management program of the DNR, and modifies certain responsibilities. The main changes are listed below.

Section

- 1 to 14** Revises terminology and adds definitions, including "aquatic plant," "introduce," and "invasive species," to current statutes.
- 20** **Infested waters; restricted activities.** Modifies regulations relating to the netting of bait, sport gillnetting of whitefish and ciscoe, and commercial netting in infested waters with aquatic exotics.
- 33** **Criminal penalties.** Establishes a misdemeanor penalty for the transport, possession or introduction of prohibited invasive species. Creates a gross misdemeanor for persons who import, purchase, sell, or propagate a prohibited invasive species.
- 38** **Repealer.** Repeals terminology changed by the provisions in this bill.