

**Subject** Invasive Species

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## Summary

This bill would increase civil penalties for violations of certain invasive species laws, as follows:

- for transporting aquatic macrophytes (macro algae and macroscopic nonwoody plants that naturally grow in water), from \$100 to \$250;
- for placing water-related equipment (e.g. boat, dock, boat lift, or trailer) with an aquatic macrophyte attached, from \$200 to \$250;
- for possessing or transporting a prohibited invasive species other than an aquatic macrophyte, from \$500 to \$1,000;
- for failing to remove/open drain plugs while transporting water-related equipment or for failing to remove plugs, open valves, or drain water from water-related equipment before leaving waters of the state, from \$100 to \$250; and
- for transporting infested water off riparian property without a permit, from \$200 to \$250.