

**SB0268/103824/1**

BY: Senator Hershey

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 268  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the top of the page, insert “EMERGENCY BILL”; in line 2, strike “Fishing Tournaments – Prohibition” and substitute “Fishery Management Plan and Moratorium on Tournaments”; strike beginning with “prohibiting” in line 3 down through “tournaments” in line 6 and substitute “requiring the Department of Natural Resources to prepare a certain fishery management plan for the cownose ray species on or before a certain date; prohibiting a person from organizing, sponsoring, promoting, conducting, or participating in a certain cownose ray fishing tournament in State waters until a certain date; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the cownose ray fishery”; after line 6, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources

Section 4-215(b)(23) and (24)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)”;

and in line 9, strike “4-748” and substitute “4-215(b)(25)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 15 on page 1 through line 2 on page 2, inclusive, and substitute:

“4-215.

(b) The Department shall prepare fishery management plans for the following species:

(Over)

(23) Hard shell clams; [and]

(24) Catfish; AND

(25) COWNOSE RAY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 31, 2017, the Department of Natural Resources shall prepare the cownose ray fishery management plan required by § 4-215(b)(25) of the Natural Resources Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) In this section, “cownose ray fishing tournament” means any tournament contest, competition, or derby with the objective of catching or killing cownose rays for:

(1) prizes or other inducements; or

(2) entertainment purposes.

(b) Until July 1, 2018, a person may not organize, sponsor, promote, conduct, or participate in a cownose ray fishing tournament in State waters.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 3 and 4, and substitute:

“SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.”.