

# SENATE BILL 268

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CF HB 211

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By: **Senators Young, Benson, Guzzone, and Pinsky**

Introduced and read first time: January 20, 2017

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

### 2 **Cownose Ray Fishing Tournaments – Prohibition**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from organizing, sponsoring, promoting,  
4 conducting, or participating in a cownose ray fishing tournament in State waters;  
5 requiring the Secretary of Natural Resources to adopt certain regulations; defining  
6 a certain term; and generally relating to cownose ray fishing tournaments.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Natural Resources

9 Section 4-748

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

#### 14 **Article – Natural Resources**

15 **4-748.**

16 (A) **IN THIS SECTION, “COWNOSE RAY FISHING TOURNAMENT” MEANS ANY**  
17 **TOURNAMENT, CONTEST, COMPETITION, OR DERBY WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF**  
18 **CATCHING OR KILLING COWNOSE RAYS FOR:**

19 (1) **PRIZES OR OTHER INDUCEMENTS; OR**

20 (2) **ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES.**

21 (B) **A PERSON MAY NOT ORGANIZE, SPONSOR, PROMOTE, CONDUCT, OR**  
22 **PARTICIPATE IN A COWNOSE RAY FISHING TOURNAMENT IN STATE WATERS.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   **(C) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS**  
2 **SECTION.**

3                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
4 1, 2017.