
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 189, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§189- Harvesting aquatic life for commercial aquarium
5 purposes; prohibition. (a) No person shall harvest aquatic
6 life within the waters of the State of Hawaii for commercial
7 aquarium purposes.

8 (b) This section shall not apply to the issuance of a
9 license or permit for activities permitted in sections 187A-3.5
10 and 187A-6; provided that the requirements of those sections are
11 met.

12 (c) For the purposes of this section:

13 "Aquarium purposes" means to hold salt water fish,
14 freshwater nongame fish, or other aquatic life alive in a state
15 of captivity as pets, for scientific study, for public
16 exhibition or display, or for sale for these purposes.



1 "Commercial" means to take aquatic life for profit or gain
2 or where the aquatic life is sold, offered for sale, possessed
3 with intent to sell, bartered, landed, or transported for sale."

4 SECTION 2. Section 189-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 **"§189-11 Receipts in duplicate.** Every commercial marine
7 dealer shall issue receipts to the person from whom marine life
8 is obtained and shall provide the following information in the
9 receipt:

10 (1) The date of the issuance;

11 (2) The name of the person to whom the receipt is issued;

12 (3) The following information with respect to each of the
13 varieties of marine life as the department shall
14 require including:

15 (A) The weight in pounds of each of the varieties
16 received;

17 (B) The numbers of marine life when they average a
18 pound or more; and

19 (C) The price per pound paid; and



1 ~~[(D) With regard to aquarium fish, regardless of~~
2 ~~weight, the number and species of the fishes,~~
3 ~~and]~~

4 (4) The signature of the dealer who issues the receipt.
5 Any dealer taking the dealer's own marine life or handling any
6 marine life taken by commercial marine licensees working for or
7 with the dealer, shall make out the same receipt, giving market
8 price for the marine life as prevails on the date of receipt. A
9 duplicate copy of this receipt shall be kept on file at the
10 premise where the marine life was sold by the dealer issuing the
11 same for a period of twelve months from the date of issuance,
12 and the duplicate copy shall be available for inspection upon
13 the demand of any conservation officer authorized to enforce the
14 laws of the State."

15 SECTION 3. Section 188-31.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 repealed.

17 ~~["[§188-31.5] Aquarium fish for export; monthly count.~~
18 ~~The department of land and natural resources shall adopt rules~~
19 ~~in accordance with chapter 91 to monitor the aquarium fish catch~~
20 ~~report and fish dealer's report for export of aquarium fish~~
21 ~~taken from the waters of the State for aquarium purposes~~



~~pursuant to section 188-31. A monthly count of the quantities
taken of each individual species of aquarium fish exported shall
be reported to the board."]~~

SECTION 4. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to
prohibit the exercise of traditional and customary practices,
the lawful taking of fish for consumption or bait, or the lawful
management or taking of aquatic life from fishponds.

SECTION 5. If there is any conflict with section 188-31,
Hawaii Revised Statutes, this Act shall supersede that section.

SECTION 6. If any provision of this Act, or the
application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held
invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or
applications of the Act that can be given effect without the
invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions
of this Act are severable.

SECTION 7. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
begun before its effective date.

SECTION 8. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



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1 SECTION 9. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Aquatic Life; Harvesting; Commercial Aquarium Purposes

Description:

Prohibits the harvesting of aquatic life in the State for commercial aquarium purposes, regardless of the method of collection.

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