

# HOUSE BILL 211

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Cownose Ray Fishing Contests – Prohibition**

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

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 CONTEST” MEANS ANY**  
17 **COMPETITION, TOURNAMENT, OR DERBY WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF CATCHING OR**  
18 **KILLING COWNOSE RAYS FOR:**

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

20 **(2) ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(B) A PERSON MAY NOT SPONSOR, CONDUCT, OR PARTICIPATE IN A**  
2 **COWNOSE RAY FISHING CONTEST IN STATE WATERS.**

3           **(C) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS**  
4 **SECTION.**

5           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
6 1, 2017.