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HOUSE BILL           **281**

AN ACT               defining “exotic aquatic species of wildlife” and relative to the duties of the exotic aquatic weeds and species committee.

SPONSORS:           Rep. Gottling, Sull 2; Rep. C. Christensen, Hills 21; Rep. Suzanne Smith, Graf 8; Rep. Grenier, Sull 7; Rep. Spang, Straf 6; Sen. Bradley, Dist 3; Sen. Little, Dist 8; Sen. Fuller Clark, Dist 21

COMMITTEE:         Resources, Recreation and Development

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ANALYSIS

This bill defines exotic aquatic species of wildlife and adds to the duties of the exotic aquatic weeds and species committee.

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Explanation:       Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through~~].  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen*

AN ACT defining “exotic aquatic species of wildlife” and relative to the duties of the exotic aquatic weeds and species committee.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1 164:1 New Paragraph; Pollution and Aquatic Growth; Definitions; Exotic Aquatic Species of  
2 Wildlife. Amend RSA 487:16 by inserting after paragraph I the following new paragraph:

3 I-a. “Exotic aquatic species of wildlife” means wildlife, as defined in RSA 207:1, XXXV, that:

4 (a) Depend on a freshwater aquatic environment; and

5 (b) Are not naturally occurring in New Hampshire or have not become established in  
6 New Hampshire as a result of an intentional introduction program by a state agency.

7 164:2 Exotic Aquatic Weeds and Species Committee. Amend RSA 487:30, I to read as follows:

8 I. There is established a committee to study exotic aquatic weeds and ***exotic aquatic***  
9 ***species of wildlife*** in the state of New Hampshire.

10 164:3 Duties Added. Amend RSA 487:30, III to read as follows:

11 III. The committee shall:

12 (a) Study the spread of exotic aquatic weeds and exotic aquatic species ***of wildlife, as***  
13 ***defined in RSA 487:16, I-a,*** in the waters of New Hampshire including education, management,  
14 and potential means to eliminate the spread of these weeds and [~~species; and~~] ***wildlife.***

15 (b) Aid the department ***of environmental services*** in the control and eradication of  
16 milfoil.

17 (c) ***Study the best management practices used in other states to prevent the***  
18 ***introduction of, and to research, monitor, control, and eradicate exotic aquatic weeds and***  
19 ***wildlife.***

20 (d) ***Recommend to the department of fish and game a program for research,***  
21 ***monitoring, control, or eradication if an invasive exotic aquatic species of wildlife is***  
22 ***discovered in the state.***

23 164:4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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25 Approved: June 26, 2015

26 Effective Date: August 25, 2015