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## BILL ANALYSIS



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Senate Bill 1093 (as introduced 9-21-16)

Sponsor: Senator Mike Kowall

Committee: Natural Resources

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**CONTENT**

**The bill would amend Part 413 (Transgenic and Nonnative Organisms) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to extend from April 15, 2017, to April 15, 2019, the deadline for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) to create a list of permitted aquatic species.**

Part 413 requires the DNR and MDARD, by April 15, 2017, each to create a permitted species list for aquatic species for which it is the relevant department; and provides that together, these lists compose the permitted aquatic species list. The initial permitted species list must consist of the following:

- All species statutorily approved for aquaculture and related research.
- All native aquatic species, other than aquatic plants, that were, as live organisms, lawfully in commercial trade in Michigan by April 1, 2015.
- All nonnative aquatic species, other than aquatic plants, that were, as live organisms, lawfully in wide commercial trade in Michigan for at least five years by April 15, 2015, if there is no evidence of the species causing harm to human health or natural, agricultural, or silvicultural resources in the Great Lakes region.
- All nonnative aquatic species, other than aquatic plants, that were, as live organisms, lawfully in commercial trade in Michigan by April 15, 2015, that otherwise do not meet the requirements for nonnative species but are approved by the DNR based on a risk assessment, which the DNR must perform by April 15, 2017.
- All aquatic plants that were, as live organisms, lawfully in commercial trade in Michigan by April 15, 2015.

The bill would extend from April 15, 2017, until April 15, 2019, the deadline by which the DNR and MDARD must create their respective permitted lists, as well as the deadline by which the DNR must perform the risk assessment for nonnative species and approve or disapprove them for inclusion on the list.

The bill would take effect 90 days after enactment.

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**FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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