

Requested by Representative GAMBA

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
HOUSE BILL 2965**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 28 and delete pages  
2 2 through 4 and insert:

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**“DEFINITIONS**

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6 **“SECTION 1. As used in sections 1 to 4 of this 2025 Act:**

7 **“(1) ‘Aquaculture’ means the farming of aquatic animals or aquatic**  
8 **plants for the primary purpose of producing food for humans.**

9 **“(2) ‘Aquaculture facility’:**

10 **“(a) Means a facility that engages in aquaculture by propagating,**  
11 **rearing, holding, harvesting, transporting, receiving the transport of**  
12 **or slaughtering aquatic animals or aquatic plants, either on land or**  
13 **in a natural or artificial body of water, for the primary purpose of**  
14 **producing food for humans.**

15 **“(b) Does not mean a hatchery that is owned, managed or kept in**  
16 **operation by the state.**

17 **“(3) ‘Finfish’ means finfish belonging to the classes Agnatha**  
18 **(jawless fishes), Chondrichthyes (cartilaginous fishes) and**  
19 **Osteichthyes (bony fishes).**

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**“FINDINGS ON AQUACULTURE**



1 aquaculture facility to:

2 “(a) Refrain from any activity or inactivity constituting a violation  
3 of section 3 of this 2025 Act or another applicable law; and

4 “(b) Take any actions necessary to remedy the violation.

5 “(2) The circuit court may award reasonable attorney fees to a  
6 plaintiff prevailing under this section.

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“CAPTIONS

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10 “SECTION 5. The unit captions used in this 2025 Act are provided  
11 for the convenience of the reader and do not become part of the stat-  
12 utory law of this state or express any legislative intent in the  
13 enactment of this 2025 Act.

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“OPERATIVE DATE

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17 “SECTION 6. (1) Sections 1 to 4 of this 2025 Act become operative  
18 on January 1, 2027.

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20 “(2) The State Department of Fish and Wildlife may take any action  
21 before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that  
22 is necessary for the department to exercise, on and after the operative  
23 date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, func-  
24 tions and powers conferred on the department by sections 1 to 4 of this  
2025 Act.”

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