

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Exotic and invasive aquatic species have done
3 irreparable damage to the Great Lakes and the land and water
4 resources of the country; and

5 WHEREAS, The discharge of ballast water and sediments
6 from commercial shipping vessels is a primary pathway for
7 introducing new aquatic nuisance species and spreading
8 established aquatic nuisance species; and

9 WHEREAS, Eight out of ten new aquatic nuisance species
10 come into the country via ballast water; and

11 WHEREAS, Exotic and invasive aquatic species control and
12 prevention requires significant coordination at state,
13 federal, and international levels; and

14 WHEREAS, In an effort to control the introduction and
15 spread of aquatic nuisance species, Illinois should explore
16 solutions to prevent the introduction and spread of aquatic
17 nuisance species into Lake Michigan waters; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Department of
20 Natural Resources and the Environmental Protection Agency
21 shall jointly study preventing the introduction and
22 minimizing the spread of aquatic nuisance species within
23 Illinois waters; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the study shall (i) analyze how to best
25 abate harmful ecological, economic, social, and public health
26 impacts from aquatic nuisance species infestations within
27 Illinois waters, (ii) make recommendations regarding how to
28 best implement an aquatic nuisance species prevention program
29 in Illinois and provide for interstate collaboration, taking
30 into consideration all available scientific information,
31 technologies, and practices, and economic impacts of such

1 measures, and analyze the possible costs and sources of
2 funding to implement their recommendations, and (iii) analyze
3 possible costs and sources of funding for carrying out the
4 federally approved Department of Natural Resources
5 Comprehensive Management Plan for Aquatic Nuisance Species in
6 Illinois; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Department of Natural Resources and
8 the Environmental Protection Agency fully participate in
9 interstate and federal studies currently underway to address
10 the control and prevention of the spread of exotic and
11 invasive aquatic species; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Department of Natural Resources and
13 the Environmental Protection Agency report (i) the findings
14 and recommendations of the study and (ii) progress made with
15 the interstate and federal studies to the Senate of the State
16 of Illinois on or before January 15, 2002; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
18 delivered to the Director of Natural Resources and the
19 Director of the Environmental Protection Agency.