

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 84th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2003

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2487

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5 By: Representative J. Johnson  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 THE SPORTFISH PROTECTION ACT.  
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### Subtitle

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15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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17 SECTION 1. Sportfish - Regulations.

18 (a) The General Assembly finds:

19 (1) Migratory bird, sportfish, aquaculture, and forestry  
20 depredation is expanding at a dangerous rate in Arkansas and in the United  
21 States as whole;

22 (2) The state faces a loss of tourism among sportspersons as the  
23 availability of game and fish decreases;

24 (3) To date, no wildlife biologist is employed in the United  
25 States to study this expanding depredation;

26 (4) The impact of expanding human population on wildlife has not  
27 yet been studied;

28 (5) The state should support the United States Department of  
29 Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services in  
30 its efforts to understand and combat depredation of migratory bird,  
31 sportfish, aquaculture, and forestry; and

32 (6) Arkansas should make efforts to study and remedy wildlife  
33 depredation, while sustaining the continued growth of the state's economy and  
34 the improving quality of life for the state's citizens.

35 (b) The Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission shall promulgate rules  
36 to protect sportfish and related resources of the state.

