**§12753. Screens**

**1. Commissioner's authority.**  The commissioner may:

A. Authorize, alter and remove the screening of any inland waters; and [PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF).]

B. Prohibit fishing within 500 yards of any screen installed by authority of the commissioner or the Legislature. [PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF).]

[PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF).]

**2. Tampering with screen.**  A person may not take up, destroy or injure any screen installed pursuant to this section, unless the person is duly authorized by the commissioner.

[PL 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF); PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §297 (AMD); PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

**3. Penalty.**  The following penalties apply to violations of subsection 2.

A. A person who violates subsection 2 commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than $100 nor more than $500 may be adjudged. [PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §298 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

B. A person who violates subsection 2 after having been adjudicated as having committed 3 or more civil violations under this Part within the previous 5-year period commits a Class E crime. [PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §298 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

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