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Legal opinions back fin ban

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Toronto councillors pushing for a citywide ban of shark fin waved around two legal opinions Wednesday.

The city's licensing and standards committee will consider a ban Thursday--a day after Mississauga city council unanimously voted to ban shark fin.

If approved Thursday, a bylaw banning shark fin would set out steep fines for those caught with, selling or consuming shark fin products.

The bylaw would slap violators with a \$5,000 fine for a first offence, \$25,000 for a second offence and \$100,000 for a third or subsequent offence.

The two separate legal opinions, one from lawyer **George Rust-D'Eye** and another from lawyer Nick Wright and signed by 11 other lawyers, state the city has the authority to ban the possession and sale of shark fin products in Toronto.

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