



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 5135**

LCO No. 1440

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

**AN ACT CONCERNING HARBOR MASTERS AND NO-WAKE ZONES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 15-1 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 The Governor shall appoint a harbor master, and may appoint a  
4 deputy harbor master, for each of the harbors of New Haven, Norwich,  
5 Bridgeport, Stamford, Norwalk, Stonington, New London and  
6 Branford, and may appoint a suitable number of harbor masters and  
7 deputy harbor masters in any town in this state which has navigable  
8 waters within its limits, provided the appointment of a harbor master  
9 or deputy harbor master for the harbor of any municipality which has  
10 adopted a harbor management plan, pursuant to chapter 444a, shall be  
11 made by the Governor from a list of not less than three nominees  
12 submitted by the municipality's harbor management commission.  
13 Appointments shall be for terms of three years from July first in the  
14 year of the appointment and until a successor is appointed and  
15 qualified except the term of office of any person appointed before or  
16 after July first in any year to a newly created office of harbor master or  
17 deputy harbor master shall begin on the day of the appointment and

18 expire on July first next succeeding the completion of the person's  
19 third full year in office. Any appointment to fill a vacancy shall be for  
20 the remainder of the term of the original appointee and until a  
21 successor is appointed and qualified. Harbor masters shall have the  
22 general care and supervision of the harbors and navigable waterways  
23 over which they have jurisdiction, subject to the direction and control  
24 of the Commissioner of Transportation, and shall be responsible to the  
25 commissioner for the safe and efficient operation of such harbors and  
26 navigable waterways in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.  
27 A harbor master appointed pursuant to this section may cite an  
28 operator of a vessel for operating a vessel at a speed in excess of slow-  
29 no-wake, as defined in section 15-154 of the 2008 supplement to the  
30 general statutes. The harbor masters or deputy harbor masters shall  
31 exercise their duties in a manner consistent with any harbor  
32 management plan adopted pursuant to section 22a-113m for a harbor  
33 over which they have jurisdiction. The commissioner may delegate any  
34 of his powers and duties under this chapter to such harbor masters or  
35 to any existing board of harbor commissioners, but shall at all times be  
36 vested with responsibility for the overall supervision of the harbors  
37 and navigable waterways of the state.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	15-1

**Statement of Purpose:**

To allow harbor masters to enforce vessel speed limits in no-wake zones.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*