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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING CANDLEWOOD LAKE BOAT USE PERMITS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2008*) (a) In addition to any
2 other required permits or registration pursuant to section 15-142 of the
3 general statutes, no person shall launch, moor or operate and no owner
4 shall permit the launching, mooring or operation of any motorboat or
5 sailboat upon the waters of Candlewood Lake without a permit issued
6 by the Candlewood Lake Authority, established pursuant to section 7-
7 151a of the general statutes. For the purposes of this section,
8 "horsepower" shall have the same meaning as section 15-141 of the
9 general statutes; "motorboat" means any watercraft fitted with a
10 propulsion machinery, whether or not such machinery is the principal
11 source of propulsion, that has a horsepower of ten or greater; "sailboat"
12 means any vessel propelled by sail alone which has a length of
13 nineteen and one-half feet.

14 (b) Said permits shall be issued by the Candlewood Lake Authority
15 in cooperation with the town clerks of its member towns or an agent of
16 such town clerks.

17 (c) The fee for said permits shall be: (1) Fifty dollars annually for
18 state residents, (2) one hundred dollars annually for nonstate residents,
19 (3) twenty dollars for a state resident for a temporary pass which shall
20 be valid for one calendar week, and (4) thirty dollars for a nonstate
21 resident for a temporary pass which shall be valid for one calendar
22 week. The Candlewood Lake Authority shall have the authority to
23 increase permit fees, but shall remain uniform in all the member
24 municipalities.

25 (d) The Candlewood Lake Authority and commercial agents of the
26 town clerks may retain one dollar of the fee for each permit they issue
27 pursuant to subsections (b) and (c) of this section.

28 (e) Application for a permit must be made on a standard form
29 which shall be issued by the Candlewood Lake Authority. Said forms
30 shall require the motorboat or sailboat owner's name and address, a
31 description and the registration number of the motorboat or sailboat.
32 Upon receipt of a completed form and permit fee, the applicant shall
33 receive a decal which shall be affixed to the motorboat or sailboat and
34 shall clearly display the effective dates of the permit.

35 (f) The Candlewood Lake Authority, in cooperation with the member
36 town clerks, shall designate sufficient agents to ensure, during the
37 period between the third Saturday in April through Columbus Day
38 permits and decals will be readily and immediately available to
39 applicants seven days a week. Applications for permits received by
40 mail shall be processed and issued by mail upon five days from the
41 receipt of said application and correct fee. Application forms shall also
42 be made available through the Internet on the Candlewood Lake
43 Authority and Department of Environmental Protection web sites.

44 (g) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall establish a
45 Boating Fund on behalf of the Candlewood Lake Authority. All permit
46 fees collected by the Candlewood Lake Authority, town clerks and the
47 town clerks' commercial agents, with the exception of those described
48 in subsection (d) of this section, shall be deposited into the Boating

49 Fund. Said fund shall be used to cover all costs associated with the
50 assignment of a Department of Environmental Protection law
51 enforcement conservation officers or enforcement officers specific to
52 Candlewood Lake. Additional funds available in the Boating Fund
53 may be used to fund Candlewood Lake Authority or Department of
54 Environmental Protection educational programs on boating safety,
55 invasive species and water quality specific to Candlewood Lake.

56 (h) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection, the Candlewood
57 Lake Authority and all member towns shall produce an annual
58 accounting of revenues collected from the issuance of permits
59 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

60 (i) The fine for launching, mooring or operating a motorboat or
61 sailboat on Candlewood Lake without a valid permit shall be two
62 hundred dollars.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require a permit to operate certain motorboats and sailboats on Candlewood Lake.

[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.]