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**"AN ACT AUTHORIZING SPECIAL DISTRICTS TO MAINTAIN
WATER QUALITY IN LAKES."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of
4 Environmental Protection shall establish and implement a registry
5 program for saltwater recreational anglers, which program shall
6 provide for: (1) The registration, including identification and contact
7 information, of individuals who engage in recreational fishing (A) in
8 the exclusive economic zone, or (B) for anadromous species, and (2)
9 the registration, including the ownership, operator and identification
10 of the vessel, of vessels used in such fishing.

11 (b) The registry program established by the commissioner pursuant
12 to subsection (a) of this section shall comply with the provisions of the
13 registry program to be established pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens
14 Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act of 2006,
15 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.

16 (c) Upon establishment of the registry program pursuant to
17 subsection (a) of this section, the commissioner shall apply to the
18 National Marine Fisheries Service of the National Oceanic and
19 Atmospheric Administration for exempted state designation from
20 federal registration requirements.

21 (d) If another state grants reciprocal privileges to residents of this
22 state, any nonresident who is registered in a registry program for
23 saltwater recreational anglers or who holds a marine waters fishing
24 license issued by such other state having such reciprocal privileges
25 may fish in the marine district or land marine species in Connecticut
26 and shall not be required to participate in the registry program for
27 saltwater recreational anglers in this state. Such nonresidents shall be
28 subject to all other provisions of the statutes and the regulations of the
29 commissioner relating to fishing in the marine district.

30 (e) The Department of Environmental Protection shall not charge a
31 fee for registration required pursuant to subsection (a) of this section."