



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 170

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Substitute House Bill No. 5126

House of Representatives, March 23, 2011

The Committee on Environment reported through REP. ROY of the 119th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT INCREASING ANCHORAGE AND MOORING FEES PAID TO HARBOR MASTERS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 22a-113s of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

3 (a) The commission may propose a fee schedule for a permit for a
4 mooring or anchorage or any other activity within the scope of the
5 plan to be adopted by vote of the legislative body of each town
6 establishing the commission. The maximum annual fee for a mooring
7 or anchorage shall be [two] four hundred dollars. The harbor master or
8 deputy harbor master for the municipality shall collect such fee. Any
9 fee collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited into a fund
10 maintained by the municipality in which such fee was collected and
11 shall be used for the maintenance and improvement of the harbor for
12 the public and for expenses for personnel and equipment directly
13 related to the function of the commission and the harbor master or
14 deputy harbor master.

15 (b) Not later than April 1, 2012, the commission may propose a fee
 16 schedule for a permit for a mooring or anchorage that is not less than
 17 ten per cent and not more than one hundred per cent greater than the
 18 applicable permit fee as of October 1, 2011. Such proposed fee schedule
 19 shall be implemented or rejected by the legislative body of each town
 20 establishing the commission not later than July 1, 2012. The amount of
 21 such increase shall be deposited into a fund maintained by the
 22 municipality in which such fee was collected and shall be used by such
 23 municipality as such municipality deems appropriate.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2011	22a-113s

ENV *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 12 \$	FY 13 \$
Various Municipalities	Potential Revenue Gain	Up to \$160,000	Up to \$320,000

Explanation

Section 1(a) could result in a revenue gain to municipalities as it permits harbor management commissions to increase, from \$200 to \$400, various anchorage and mooring fees. These funds must be used for the maintenance and improvement of the harbor and for personnel and equipment expenses directly related to the function of the harbor commission and the harbor or deputy harbor master.

There are 23 harbor management commissions in the state. The amount of the revenue gain would depend on the number of commissions that increase fees and by how much they are increased. It is estimated that the FY 12 and FY 13 revenue gain could range from \$3,000 - \$160,000 depending on the municipality.

Section 1(b) allows harbor commissions to propose a fee schedule that is not less than 10% and not more than 100% greater than the applicable permit fee as of October 1, 2011, effective July 1, 2012. These funds must be deposited into a fund to be used in a manner in which the municipality deems appropriate.

The amount of the revenue gain would depend of the number of commissions that increase fees and by how much. It is estimated that

the FY 13 revenue gain could range from \$3,000 - \$160,000 depending on the municipality.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the fee schedule set by the harbor management commissions.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

This bill increases, from \$200 to \$400, the maximum annual fee a harbor management commission can charge for mooring and anchorage permits. By law, the fees must go to a fund in the municipality where they are collected and used for harbor maintenance and improvement and the expenses of the commission and harbor master or deputy harbor master.

The bill also allows each harbor management commission to propose a fee schedule for mooring and anchorage permits that is between 10% and 100% greater than the applicable fee as of October 1, 2011. The legislative body of the town that created the harbor management commission must implement or reject the proposed fee schedule by July 1, 2012. The bill requires any fee increase to go to a fund in the municipality where it is collected and used as the municipality deems appropriate.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 21 Nay 0 (03/09/2011)