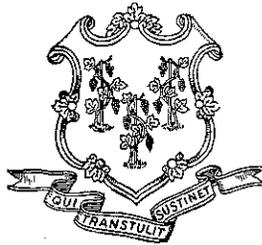


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Statement of Senator Andrew Maynard
House Bill 6576
Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee
March 11, 2013

I am in complete support of House Bill 6576, *An Act Concerning the Applicability of the Sales and Use Tax to Boats*. Thank you for raising this bill for hearing.

As a shoreline legislator, I see every day how our marinas lose business to Rhode Island. HB 6576 would take steps to level this playing field and relieve the competitive disadvantage many small businesses now experience.

HB 6576 will extend slightly the dates that boats can be berthed here for winter storage and repair without having to be registered in Connecticut. The alternative is we will continue to see these boats berthed in other states and lose business.

I also appreciate that the bill would clarify that an owner can have a boat berthed in this state for up to 60 days a year without having to go through the registration process. I have seen time and time again how boaters avoid our local marinas out of a fear that their presence here will trigger taxation from Connecticut. Again, this is a step that will level the playing field.

Taken together, HB 6576 is a step in the right direction and I urge the committee's support for it. Thank you.