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sHB-5364

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF HORSESHOE
CRABS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill prohibits hand-harvesting horseshoe crabs from any Stratford shoreline area. Currently, the harvest of horseshoe crabs is prohibited in other shoreline towns.

The bill is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact as it is expected that any enforcement can be performed by existing staff within the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP).

While the bill creates a new violation for hand-harvesting crabs in specified areas, this is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact. There have been no incidences of horseshoe crab activity in the past two years.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None