AN ACT REQUIRING AN INVASIVE SPECIES STAMP FOR THE OPERATION OF A MOTORBOAT ON THE INLAND WATERS OF THE STATE.

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

Section 1. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2019) Any person who registers a vessel or renews a vessel registration pursuant to section 15-144 of the general statutes and who intends to operate or allow such vessel to be operated on the inland waters of the state shall concomitantly, in addition to the remittance of any fee required pursuant to section 15-144 of the general statutes, purchase an Invasive Species Stamp. Such stamp shall expire with the applicable registration for such vessel. The fee for such stamp for a resident of the state shall be five dollars and the fee for such stamp for a nonresident of the state shall be twenty-five dollars. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall cause all revenues collected from the purchase of such Invasive Species Stamps to be deposited in the Connecticut Lakes and Ponds Preservation account established in section 14-21aa of the general statutes.
This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

| Section 1 | October 1, 2019 | New section |

**Statement of Purpose:**
To enable Connecticut municipalities and the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to prevent and respond to infestations of aquatic invasive species that negatively impact water quality, recreational use, environmental health and property values through a user-fee-based approach.

[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.]

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