



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 6637

LCO No. 4594



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

**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:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2019*) Any person who
2 registers a vessel or renews a vessel registration pursuant to section 15-
3 144 of the general statutes and who intends to operate or allow such
4 vessel to be operated on the inland waters of the state shall
5 concomitantly, in addition to the remittance of any fee required
6 pursuant to section 15-144 of the general statutes, purchase an Invasive
7 Species Stamp. Such stamp shall expire with the applicable registration
8 for such vessel. The fee for such stamp for a resident of the state shall
9 be five dollars and the fee for such stamp for a nonresident of the state
10 shall be twenty-five dollars. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall
11 cause all revenues collected from the purchase of such Invasive Species
12 Stamps to be deposited in the Connecticut Lakes and Ponds
13 Preservation account established in section 14-21aa of the general
14 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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