



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6637

January Session, 2019



**AN ACT REQUIRING AN INVASIVE SPECIES STAMP FOR THE
OPERATION OF A MOTORBOAT ON THE 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*) (a) 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 waters of the state shall concomitantly, in
5 addition to the remittance of any fee required pursuant to section 15-
6 144 of the general statutes, purchase an Invasive Species Stamp. Such
7 stamp shall expire with the applicable registration for such vessel. The
8 fee for such stamp shall be five dollars. The Commissioner of Motor
9 Vehicles shall cause all revenues collected pursuant to this section to
10 be deposited in the Connecticut Lakes, Rivers and Ponds Preservation
11 account established in section 14-21aa of the general statutes, as
12 amended by this act.

13 (b) Any person who intends to operate or allow a vessel to be
14 operated on the waters of the state that is registered in another state
15 shall, prior to such operation, purchase an Invasive Species Stamp
16 from the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection. The
17 fee for such stamp shall be twenty dollars. Such stamp shall expire on
18 the last day of April of the year following its issuance. The
19 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall cause all

20 revenues collected pursuant to this subsection to be deposited in the
21 Connecticut Lakes, Rivers and Ponds Preservation account established
22 in section 14-21aa of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

23 Sec. 2. Section 14-21aa of the general statutes is repealed and the
24 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

25 (a) There is established an account to be known as the "Connecticut
26 Lakes, Rivers and Ponds Preservation account". The Connecticut
27 Lakes, Rivers and Ponds Preservation account shall be a separate,
28 nonlapsing account of the General Fund. Any moneys required by law
29 to be deposited in the account shall be deposited in and credited to the
30 Connecticut Lakes, Rivers and Ponds Preservation account. The
31 account shall be available to the Commissioner of Energy and
32 Environmental Protection for (1) restoration and rehabilitation of lakes,
33 rivers and ponds in the state; (2) programs of the Department of
34 Energy and Environmental Protection for the eradication of aquatic
35 invasive species and cyanobacteria blooms; (3) education and public
36 outreach programs to enhance the public's understanding of the need
37 to protect and preserve the state's lakes, rivers and ponds; (4)
38 allocation of grants to state and municipal agencies and not-for-profit
39 organizations to conduct research and to provide public education and
40 public awareness to enhance understanding and management of the
41 natural resources of the state's lakes, rivers and ponds; (5) provision of
42 funds for all services that support the protection and conservation of
43 the state's lakes, rivers and ponds; and (6) reimbursement of the
44 Department of Motor Vehicles for the cost of producing, issuing,
45 renewing and replacing Save Our Lakes commemorative number
46 plates, including administrative expenses, pursuant to section 14-21z.

47 (b) The commissioner may receive private donations to the
48 Connecticut Lakes, Rivers and Ponds Preservation account and any
49 such receipts shall be deposited in the account.

50 (c) The commissioner may provide for the reproduction and
51 marketing of the Save Our Lakes commemorative number plate image

52 for use on clothing, recreational equipment, posters, mementoes, or
53 other products or programs deemed by the commissioner to be
54 suitable as a means of supporting the Connecticut Lakes, Rivers and
55 Ponds Preservation account. Any funds received by the commissioner
56 from such marketing shall be deposited in the Connecticut Lakes,
57 Rivers and Ponds Preservation account.

58 (d) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, eighty per cent of
59 any funds deposited into the Connecticut Lakes, Rivers and Ponds
60 Preservation account pursuant to section 1 of this act shall be utilized
61 for the purposes described in subdivisions (2) to (4), inclusive, of
62 subsection (a) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	14-21aa

ENV *Joint Favorable Subst.*