



General Assembly

Amendment

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LCO No. 9130



Offered by:
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To: Subst. House Bill No. 6637 File No. 183 Cal. No. 133

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

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2020*) (a) Any person who
4 registers a vessel or renews a vessel registration pursuant to section 15-
5 144 of the general statutes and who intends to operate or allow such
6 vessel to be operated on the waters of the state shall concomitantly, in
7 addition to the remittance of any fee required pursuant to section 15-
8 144 of the general statutes, pay an Aquatic Invasive Species fee of five
9 dollars. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall cause all revenues
10 collected pursuant to this section to be deposited in the Connecticut
11 Lakes, Rivers and Ponds Preservation account established in section
12 14-21aa of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

13 (b) Any person who intends to operate or allow a vessel to be
14 operated on the inland waters of the state that is registered in another

15 state shall, prior to such operation, pay an Aquatic Invasive Species fee
16 of twenty dollars to the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
17 Protection. Such fees shall be paid annually and such payment shall be
18 valid until the last day of December of such year. The Commissioner of
19 Energy and Environmental Protection shall cause all revenues
20 collected pursuant to this subsection to be deposited in the Connecticut
21 Lakes, Rivers and Ponds Preservation account established in section
22 14-21aa of the general statutes, as amended by this act. Any person
23 who operates a vessel on the inland waters of the state in violation of
24 the provisions of this subsection shall have committed an infraction
25 and shall be fined not more than eighty-five dollars.

26 Sec. 2. Section 14-21aa of the general statutes is repealed and the
27 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2020*):

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

49 plates, including administrative expenses, pursuant to section 14-21z.

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

53 (c) The commissioner may provide for the reproduction and
54 marketing of the Save Our Lakes commemorative number plate image
55 for use on clothing, recreational equipment, posters, mementoes, or
56 other products or programs deemed by the commissioner to be
57 suitable as a means of supporting the Connecticut Lakes, Rivers and
58 Ponds Preservation account. Any funds received by the commissioner
59 from such marketing shall be deposited in the Connecticut Lakes, Rivers
60 Rivers and Ponds Preservation account.

61 (d) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, not less than
62 eighty per cent of any funds deposited into the Connecticut Lakes,
63 Rivers and Ponds Preservation account pursuant to section 1 of this act
64 shall be utilized for the purposes described in subdivisions (2) to (4),
65 inclusive, of subsection (a) of this section."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	January 1, 2020	New section
Sec. 2	January 1, 2020	14-21aa