



General Assembly

Amendment

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LCO No. 8922



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.

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 Section 14-21aa of the general statutes is repealed and the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

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, not less than
59 eighty per cent of any funds deposited into the Connecticut Lakes,
60 Rivers and Ponds Preservation account pursuant to section 1 of this act
61 shall be utilized for the purposes described in subdivisions (2) to (4),
62 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