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SB-929

AN ACT CONCERNING PENALTIES FOR THE TAKING OF
STRIPED BASS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill eliminates a portion of penalties under striped bass sportfishing regulations, making violations of these regulations an infraction, instead.

Currently, most sportfishing infractions are subject to a base fine of \$35, not including additional fees and surcharges bringing the total amount due to \$75 for each violation. Each violation is subject to penalties ranging from \$100 to \$500 include imprisonment of up to 30 days, depending on the circumstance.

The bill is anticipated to be revenue neutral and therefore is expected to have no fiscal impact. On average, there is \$1,750 per year in fine generated revenue. Under the bill, the annual revenue would be \$1,875 based on the same number of violations.

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Municipal Impact: None