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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



**PA 24-123—HB 5350**

*Environment Committee*

*Public Safety and Security Committee*

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ENFORCEMENT OF BOATING LAWS ON BODIES OF WATER NEAR THE RHODE ISLAND, MASSACHUSETTS AND NEW YORK BORDERS**

**SUMMARY:** This act grants people authorized to enforce boating laws (e.g., environmental conservation officers and patrolmen) the power to make arrests on any part of waters lying between Connecticut and a neighboring state for violations and bring the violator to trial in the state where the violation happened. However, they may only exercise this cross-border authority if Massachusetts, New York, or Rhode Island enacts a similar law. Existing law grants this arrest authority when enforcing fish and game laws under the same conditions.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Upon passage