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AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO VARIOUS PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

As Amended by Senate "A" (LCO 7778)

Senate Calendar No.: 313

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Treasurer, Debt Serv.	GF - Potential Cost	See Below	See Below
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill changes various laws under the administration of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), resulting in a potential debt service impact and a minimal revenue gain to DEEP, beginning in FY 24.

Section 6 may result in a minimal revenue gain to DEEP beginning in FY 24 as it creates a distance-based prohibition for lamprey fishing, subjecting anyone who violates the requirement established in the bill to a \$250 fine, per fish.

Sections 10 and 11 expand the potential pool of applicants under the Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition (OSWA) program administered by DEEP. This could result in increased or more rapid use

of previously-authorized bond funds. There is an existing General Obligation (GO) bond authorization for the program. Future General Fund debt service costs may be incurred sooner under the bill to the degree that it causes authorized GO bond funds to be expended or to be expended more rapidly than they otherwise would have been.

As of April 10, 2023, there is an unallocated bond balance of \$22 million available under the relevant authorization. The bill does not change GO bond authorizations relevant to the program.

The bill also makes other technical and clarifying changes that are not anticipated to have a fiscal impact.

Senate "A" alters the provisions of the underlying bill that would have allowed DEEP to post certain notices online, instead of in a newspaper. These changes remove a minimal savings to DEEP beginning in FY 24. Senate "A" also requires posting certain notices on a municipality's website which results in no anticipated fiscal impact to municipalities as they have the resources available to complete this requirement.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of relevant lamprey fishing violations and the terms of any bonds issued.

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