



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 412

LCO No. 2349



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING WEED MAPPING ON CANDLEWOOD LAKE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 14-21aa of the 2020 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective October 1, 2020*):

4 (a) There is established an account to be known as the "Connecticut
5 Lakes, Rivers and Ponds Preservation account". The Connecticut Lakes,
6 Rivers and Ponds Preservation account shall be a separate, nonlapsing
7 account of the General Fund. Any moneys required by law to be
8 deposited in the account shall be deposited in and credited to the
9 Connecticut Lakes, Rivers and Ponds Preservation account. The account
10 shall be available to the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
11 Protection for (1) restoration and rehabilitation of lakes, rivers and
12 ponds in the state; (2) programs of the Department of Energy and
13 Environmental Protection for the eradication of aquatic invasive species
14 and cyanobacteria blooms; (3) education and public outreach programs
15 to enhance the public's understanding of the need to protect and
16 preserve the state's lakes, rivers and ponds; (4) allocation of grants to

17 state and municipal agencies and not-for-profit organizations to
18 conduct research and to provide public education and public awareness
19 to enhance understanding and management of the natural resources of
20 the state's lakes, rivers and ponds; (5) provision of funds for all services
21 that support the protection and conservation of the state's lakes, rivers
22 and ponds; and (6) reimbursement of the Department of Motor Vehicles
23 for the cost of producing, issuing, renewing and replacing Save Our
24 Lakes commemorative number plates, including administrative
25 expenses, pursuant to section 14-21z.

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

29 (c) The commissioner may provide for the reproduction and
30 marketing of the Save Our Lakes commemorative number plate image
31 for use on clothing, recreational equipment, posters, mementoes, or
32 other products or programs deemed by the commissioner to be suitable
33 as a means of supporting the Connecticut Lakes, Rivers and Ponds
34 Preservation account. Any funds received by the commissioner from
35 such marketing shall be deposited in the Connecticut Lakes, Rivers and
36 Ponds Preservation account.

37 (d) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, not less than
38 eighty per cent of any funds deposited into the Connecticut Lakes,
39 Rivers and Ponds Preservation account pursuant to section 14-21bb
40 shall be utilized for the purposes described in subdivisions (2) to (4),
41 inclusive, of subsection (a) of this section.

42 (e) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, for the fiscal year
43 commencing July 1, 2020, and for each fiscal year thereafter, the
44 commissioner shall provide the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars
45 from the Connecticut Lakes, Rivers and Ponds Preservation account to
46 the Connecticut Agricultural Experimentation Station for the purpose of
47 collecting and analyzing data concerning the growth of aquatic invasive
48 species in Candlewood Lake in order to understand and document the

49 growth and diminishment of such invasive species in Candlewood Lake
50 and recommend measures to be taken by the state and municipalities
51 that border Candlewood Lake to minimize such growth.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2020</i>	14-21aa

Statement of Purpose:

To provide funding for the mapping of invasive aquatic weeds in Candlewood Lake.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]