



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 5006**

LCO No. 168



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF FUNDS IN THE CONNECTICUT LAKES, RIVERS AND PONDS PRESERVATION ACCOUNT.**

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

- 1 That section 14-21aa of the general statutes be amended to: (1) Define
- 2 "aquatic invasive species" using criteria established by the Connecticut
- 3 Agricultural Experiment Station, (2) divide any funds deposited into the
- 4 Connecticut Lakes, Rivers and Ponds Preservation account equally at
- 5 fifty per cent between lakes, rivers and ponds, and (3) establish funding
- 6 priorities in the following order: (A) State-owned bodies of water, (B)
- 7 state-operated boat launches, and (C) largest to smallest bodies of water,
- 8 based on acreage.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To establish clear requirements for priority funding to combat aquatic invasive species within Connecticut lakes, rivers and ponds.