

HB 1301-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL ***1301-FN***

AN ACT increasing certain mooring fees and directing such funds to the cyanobacteria mitigation loan and grant fund.

SPONSORS: Rep. J. MacDonald, Carr. 6; Rep. R. Brown, Carr. 8; Rep. Crawford, Carr. 3; Rep. Damon, Sull. 8; Rep. Darby, Hills. 11; Rep. Ebel, Merr. 7; Rep. Hamblen, Carr. 3; Rep. Walker, Straf. 19; Rep. Peternel, Carr. 6; Rep. Rung, Hills. 12; Sen. McConkey, Dist 3

COMMITTEE: Resources, Recreation and Development

ANALYSIS

This bill increases the fee for moorings not in a congregate mooring field and directs such funds to the cyanobacteria mitigation loan and grant fund.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

- 1 1 Decal Issuance; Mooring Fee; Cyanobacteria Fund. Amend RSA 270:62, V to read as follows:
- 2 V. A fee of \$125 shall be charged for each initial decal issued pursuant to this subdivision
- 3 which shall be deposited in the navigation safety fund established under RSA 270-E:6-a. An annual
- 4 mooring fee of \$50 for each mooring in a congregate mooring field and [~~\$25~~] **\$50** for each mooring not
- 5 in a congregate mooring field shall be charged for each decal renewed or replaced pursuant to this
- 6 subdivision which shall be deposited in the navigation safety fund established under RSA 270-E:6-a
- 7 **and \$25 shall be deposited into the cyanobacteria mitigation loan and grant fund**
- 8 **established under RSA 485-A:61.**
- 9 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

**HB 1301-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT:

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Revenue	\$0	\$68,750 to \$80,000	\$68,750 to \$80,000	\$68,750 to \$80,000
<i>Revenue Fund(s)</i>	Cyanobacteria Mitigation Fund			
Expenditures*	\$0	\$68,750 to \$80,000	\$68,750 to \$80,000	\$68,750 to \$80,000
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	Cyanobacteria Mitigation Fund			
Appropriations*	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	None			

*Expenditure = Cost of bill

*Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill

Estimated Political Subdivision Impact				
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
County Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
County Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Revenue	\$0	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase
Local Expenditures	\$0	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase

METHODOLOGY:

This bill increases the annual mooring fee for moorings not located in a congregate mooring field from \$25 to \$50 and directs \$25 of each fee collected to the Cyanobacteria Mitigation Loan and Grant Fund established under RSA 485-A:61.

The Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) states this bill will result in an increase in state revenues and expenditures from the Cyanobacteria Mitigation Fund beginning in FY 2027.

The Department, using data provided by the Department of Safety-Marine Patrol, estimates there are between 2,750 and 3,200 moorings on inland waterbodies that require annual registration under RSA 270:61–62. Increasing the fee by \$25 per mooring and depositing this

portion into the Cyanobacteria Mitigation Fund is projected to generate between \$68,750 and \$80,000 annually. These revenues would be used for competitive grants or loans to municipalities and nonprofit lake or watershed associations for projects that mitigate or prevent cyanobacteria blooms.

The Department notes that the statutory language is not entirely clear and could be interpreted to apply the \$25 fee increase to both congregate and individual moorings. If applied more broadly, the fiscal impact could be higher.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Environmental Services