

CHAPTER 89
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2026 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL

1148

AN ACT

adding cyanobacteria and algae blooms to the study of the exotic aquatic weeds and species committee.

SPONSORS:

Rep. Donnelly, Rock. 25; Rep. Darby, Hills. 11; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17

COMMITTEE:

Resources, Recreation and Development

ANALYSIS

This bill adds cyanobacteria and algae blooms to the study of the exotic aquatic weeds and species committee.

Explanation:

Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.

Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

AN ACT adding cyanobacteria and algae blooms to the study of the exotic aquatic weeds and species committee.

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

1 89:1 Exotic Aquatic Weeds and Species Committee; Cyanobacteria Included. Amend RSA 487:30,
2 III to read as follows:

3 III. The committee shall:

4 (a) Study the spread of exotic aquatic weeds and exotic aquatic species of wildlife, as
5 defined in RSA 487:16, I-a, in the waters of New Hampshire including education, management, and
6 potential means to eliminate the spread of these weeds and wildlife.

7 (b) ***Study and discuss potential factors contributing to the proliferation of harmful algal***
8 ***blooms and cyanobacteria in the state's surface waters, including the potential relationship between***
9 ***aquatic invasive species and nutrient dynamics that may contribute to harmful algal bloom formation.***

10 (c) Aid the department of environmental services in the control and eradication of milfoil,
11 ***harmful algal blooms, and cyanobacteria.***

12 [(e)] (d) Study the best management practices used in other states to prevent the introduction
13 of, and to research, monitor, control, and eradicate exotic aquatic weeds and wildlife.

14 [(d)] (e) Recommend to the department of fish and game a program for research, monitoring,
15 control, or eradication if an invasive exotic aquatic species of wildlife is discovered in the state.

89:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: May 28, 2026
Effective Date: July 27, 2026