

SB 51 - VERSION ADOPTED BY BOTH BODIES

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SENATE BILL **51**

AN ACT relative to decal fees and the statewide public boat access program.

SPONSORS: Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. McConkey, Dist 3; Sen. Altschiller, Dist 24; Sen. Rochefort, Dist 1; Rep. Darby, Hills. 11; Rep. Popovici-Muller, Rock. 17; Rep. Spillane, Rock. 2; Rep. Khan, Rock. 30

COMMITTEE: Transportation

ANALYSIS

This bill ensures decal fees cannot be diverted from the statewide public boat access program.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

AN ACT relative to decal fees and the statewide public boat access program.

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

1 1 Public Boat Access Program; Statewide Public Boat Access Fund Established. Amend RSA
2 233-A:13 to read as follows:

3 233-A:13 Statewide Public Boat Access Fund Established. There is hereby established a
4 nonlapsing statewide public boat access fund. The \$5 boat [~~registration surcharge~~] **decal fee**
5 collected pursuant to RSA [~~270-E:5, II(d)~~] **270-E:5-a, II(c)**, and any other public access funds
6 donated to the state shall be placed in this fund. Funds received under this section are continually
7 appropriated to the fish and game department for the **sole** purposes of the statewide public boat
8 access program established under this chapter, except for sufficient funds which are hereby
9 appropriated to the department of natural and cultural resources for payment of principal and
10 interest on bonds and notes for the Mount Sunapee state park beach boat ramp project.

11 2 Lake Restoration and Preservation Fund; Boat Fee Decal. Amend RSA 487:25 to read as
12 follows:

13 487:25 Lake Restoration and Preservation Fund; [~~Addition to Boat Fee~~] **Boat Fee Decal.**

14 I. The fee of \$9.50 collected under the provisions of RSA [~~270-E:5, II(a)~~] **270-E:5-a, II(a)**
15 shall be paid to the director of the division of motor vehicles. The director of the division of motor
16 vehicles shall pay over said fee to the state treasurer who shall keep the fee in a special fund to be
17 expended by the department of environmental services. The department shall use \$.50 of the fee for
18 lake restoration and preservation measures, exclusive of exotic aquatic weed control, \$5 of the fee for
19 the control of exotic aquatic weeds, and \$4 of the fee for the milfoil and other exotic aquatic plants
20 prevention program. The department shall deposit the \$4 into a special account within the lake
21 restoration and preservation fund which shall be used to administer the milfoil and other exotic
22 aquatic plants prevention program. The special fund shall be nonlapsing. All funds received under
23 this section are continually appropriated to the department for the purposes of this subdivision.

24 II. The department is authorized to utilize such methods of control and to employ such
25 personnel, consultant services, and equipment as, in its judgment, will control aquatic nuisances in
26 the surface waters of the state as defined in RSA 485-A:2.

27 III. The department shall be the agency to receive and utilize federal funds, gifts, or grants
28 from any person or association, which may be made available for the purposes of this subdivision.

29 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.