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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 struck through.]~~

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 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 84:1 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 nonlapsing
4 statewide public boat access fund. The \$5 boat [~~registration surcharge~~] **decal fee** collected pursuant to
5 RSA [~~270-E:5, II(d)~~] **270-E:5-a, II(c)**, and any other public access funds donated to the state shall be
6 placed in this fund. Funds received under this section are continually appropriated to the fish and game
7 department for the **sole** purposes of the statewide public boat access program established under this
8 chapter, except for sufficient funds which are hereby appropriated to the department of natural and
9 cultural resources for payment of principal and interest on bonds and notes for the Mount Sunapee state
10 park beach boat ramp project.

11 84:2 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)** shall be
15 paid to the director of the division of motor vehicles. The director of the division of motor vehicles shall
16 pay over said fee to the state treasurer who shall keep the fee in a special fund to be expended by the
17 department of environmental services. The department shall use \$.50 of the fee for lake restoration and
18 preservation measures, exclusive of exotic aquatic weed control, \$5 of the fee for the control of exotic
19 aquatic weeds, and \$4 of the fee for the milfoil and other exotic aquatic plants prevention program. The
20 department shall deposit the \$4 into a special account within the lake restoration and preservation fund
21 which shall be used to administer the milfoil and other exotic aquatic plants prevention program. The
22 special fund shall be nonlapsing. All funds received under this section are continually appropriated to the
23 department for the purposes of this subdivision.

24 II. The department is authorized to utilize such methods of control and to employ such personnel,
25 consultant services, and equipment as, in its judgment, will control aquatic nuisances in the surface
26 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 from
28 any person or association, which may be made available for the purposes of this subdivision.

84:3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: June 10, 2025
Effective Date: August 09, 2025