



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 840

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Senate Bill No. 641

Senate, May 7, 2025

The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. OSTEN of the 19th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR A BOAT WASHING STATION AT GARDNER LAKE IN THE TOWN OF SALEM.

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

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2025*) The Department of Energy and
- 2 Environmental Protection shall establish a two-year pilot program for a
- 3 boat washing station at Gardner Lake in the town of Salem. In addition
- 4 to any other structure or equipment, such station shall display one or
- 5 more signs that indicate the proper method for the removal of plant
- 6 material from the prop, hull and motor of a boat. Following such two-
- 7 year period, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection
- 8 shall assess the need for and viability of continuing such boat washing
- 9 station at said lake. If the commissioner's assessment determines that
- 10 cost or utilization issues no longer make such boat washing station
- 11 viable at said lake, the commissioner shall identify an alternate nearby
- 12 location to host such a boat washing station and post signs at said lake
- 13 indicating such alternate location.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	GF - Cost	51,000	5,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill establishes a two-year pilot program for a boat washing station on Gardener Lake. This is anticipated to result in a cost to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) of \$51,000 in FY 26 and \$5,000 in FY 27, as there are currently no existing boat washing stations, water or power utilities at the lake. The FY 26 costs include one-time costs to purchase and install a boat washing station (approximately \$50,000) and to post signage (\$1,000). The FY 27 costs include the yearly maintenance (\$5,000) to service the boat washing station.

The Out Years

There are no outyear costs, since the pilot program is for two years.

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 641*****AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR A BOAT WASHING STATION AT GARDNER LAKE IN THE TOWN OF SALEM.*****SUMMARY**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION**Environment Committee**

Joint Favorable Change of Reference - APP

Yea 33 Nay 0 (03/14/2025)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 39 Nay 15 (04/24/2025)