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AN ACT CONCERNING THE TAKING OF EASTERN OYSTERS AND INVASIVE AQUATIC SPECIES.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

Section 1 requires the Commissioner of Agriculture to conduct a study on the appropriate minimum harvest length for eastern oysters. This is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact as the Department of Agriculture (DoAg) has the staff and expertise necessary to complete the study.

Section 2 requires the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) commissioner to establish a commercial invasive aquatic species harvest license. It is anticipated that the new license fee would be approximately \$100 and DEEP would on average sell ten per calendar year, resulting a minimal revenue gain to the resources of the General Fund. **Section 2** also requires DEEP to adopt regulations related to the aquatic species license, which is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact as DEEP has the staff and expertise necessary to do so.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of licenses issued annually.

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