



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 641

LCO No. 4748



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Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

**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	July 1, 2025	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To reduce invasive plants carried on the hull, prop and motor of boats in Gardner Lake in the town of Salem.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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