



General Assembly

January Session, 2025

**Committee Bill No. 641**

LCO No. 4748



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:
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
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