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## OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 6248

### ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR ILLEGALLY TAKING STRIPED BASS.***

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill increases the fine for violating any state regulation about the taking of striped bass. Specifically, it makes a violation an infraction and sets the fine at \$250 per violation, whether the violation happens in inland or marine waters. (An infraction is not a crime and a person may pay the fine or plead not guilty by mail.)

Currently, a violation in inland waters is subject to a \$154 fine (CGS § 26-117), and a violation in marine waters is an infraction subject to a fine of \$75 (CGS §§ 26-159a & 51-164n).

State regulations establish rules for taking striped bass, including minimum legal lengths and daily creel limits (Conn. Agencies Regs., §§ 26-112-45(k), 26-259a-2, 26-159a-4 & 26-159a-7).

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 33      Nay 0      (03/14/2025)