



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5333

February Session, 2026



**AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF STRIPED BASS
FISHING IN THE STATE.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding any
2 provision of title 26 of the general statutes, any person who violates any
3 regulation concerning the taking of striped bass, whether in the marine
4 or inland waters of the state, shall have committed an infraction and
5 shall pay a fine of one hundred fifty dollars for a first offense, three
6 hundred fifty dollars for a second offense and five hundred dollars for
7 a third or any such subsequent offense, by mail, or plead not guilty in
8 accordance with the provisions of section 51-164n of the general statutes,
9 provided for any infraction imposed pursuant to this section, the
10 amount of such fine shall be paid to the municipality where the
11 infraction occurred.

12 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) Notwithstanding any
13 provision of title 26 of the general statutes, for the period commencing
14 December first of each year and ending March thirty-first of the
15 following year, no person, while on the waters of this state or on any
16 parcel of land, structure or portion of a roadway abutting the waters of
17 this state, shall take, possess or land striped bass, regardless of where
18 taken.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section

ENV *Joint Favorable Subst.*