



General Assembly

February Session, 2026

**Raised Bill No. 5526**

LCO No. 2502



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

**AN ACT CONCERNING RECIPROCITY FOR CERTAIN INLAND  
WATERS FISHING LICENSES.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) If and when the state of  
2 New York, the state of Massachusetts or the state of Rhode Island enacts  
3 a similar law granting reciprocal privileges to residents of this state, any  
4 person who holds a license to fish in inland waters in the state of New  
5 York, the state of Massachusetts or the state of Rhode Island may fish in  
6 inland waters in this state, or in such waters as negotiated by the  
7 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection of this state and  
8 any similar authority in such adjoining state, without a nonresident  
9 inland waters license to fish as required by title 26 of the general  
10 statutes, provided such nonresidents shall be subject to all other  
11 provisions of the general statutes and the regulations of the  
12 commissioner relating to fishing in lakes and ponds.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To provide for reciprocity of fishing licenses from neighboring states on inland waters of the state.

*[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.]*