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**Session Year 2026**  
**Substitute for Raised H.B. No. 5333**

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**Introducer(s):**

Environment Committee

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

**Statement of Purpose:** To clarify penalties for violating regulations concerning the taking of striped bass, prohibit the use of horseshoe crabs as bait, authorize the sale of certain lobsters from out-of-state by food service establishments and prohibit certain bait fishing in the Housatonic River and harvesting of striped bass.

**Bill History:**

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**Co-sponsor(s):**

Rep. Joseph P. Gresko, 121st Dist. Rep. Brandon Chafee, 33rd Dist.