

**Bill History**  
**Session Year 2026**  
**Raised H.B. No. 5525**

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**Introducer(s):**

Environment Committee

**Title:** AN ACT CONCERNING A RAPID RESPONSE PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES.

**Statement of Purpose:** To establish a rapid response program and protocol for the elimination and containment of hydrilla and other aquatic invasive species in the state.

**Bill History:**

03-06-2026 REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON Environment Committee

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