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sHB-6384

## AN ACT CONCERNING AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES' EFFECTS ON LAKES AND RELATED FUNDING.

As Amended by House "A" (LCO 7954)

House Calendar No.: 172

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### **OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:**

Municipalities	Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Middlefield	Potential Savings	Minimal	Minimal

### **Explanation**

The bill extends, from December to January, the down period of Lake Beseck in odd-numbered years. This results in potential savings to the Town of Middlefield. It is anticipated that extending the down period of the lake may increase, at no additional cost, the effectiveness of this method of treating invasive aquatic species. This may consequently reduce the need for other treatment methods. Any savings is expected to be minimal.

The bill also requires that the Department of Environmental Protection (DEEP) and the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) submit various AIS reports to the Environment Committee. This has no fiscal impact as these agencies currently have the staff and expertise for this purpose.

Additionally, the bill increases the number of participants, from 50 to 100 people, allowed under a group fishing license issued by DEEP.

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Currently, DEEP issues a group fishing license to non-profit organizations to hold up to 50 group fishing events per year for certain qualified individuals. This is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact, since the same number of group licenses are anticipated to be issued.

Lastly, the bill prohibits the state from having a closed trout fishing season. Currently, inland trout fishing is closed from March 1 to the second Saturday in April. This provision is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact as this trout season has already been reopened.

House "A" alters the underlying bill by adding the fishing provisions which have no fiscal impact.

### ***The Out Years***

The potential municipal savings identified above would continue into the future.