



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 33

February Session, 2022

Substitute House Bill No. 5141

House of Representatives, March 21, 2022

The Committee on Environment reported through REP. GRESKO of the 121st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF CERTAIN FISH SPECIES.

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

1 Section 1. Section 26-127 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

3 (a) Any person who transports out of this state any bait species taken
4 from any of the waters of this state or who takes, assists in taking or
5 attempts to take any bait species from any such waters for the purpose
6 of transporting the same out of the state shall be guilty of a class D
7 misdemeanor; but no provision of this section shall prevent the
8 exportation of bait species propagated and grown in private waters
9 registered with the commissioner as such or in licensed commercial
10 hatcheries.

11 (b) No person shall take or land, per trip, two hundred pounds or
12 more of any of the following bait species: (1) Tidewater silverside, (2)
13 Atlantic silverside, (3) sand lance or sand eels, or (4) bay anchovy.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	26-127
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ENV *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill prohibits a person from taking 200 pounds or more of certain fish bait species. There is no fiscal impact anticipated under the bill since commercial fisheries are expected to comply with these limits.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

This bill prohibits a person from taking or landing, per trip, 200 pounds or more of the following bait species: tidewater silverside, Atlantic silverside, sand lance or sand eels, and bay anchovy.

A person who violates this prohibition is (1) for a first offense, subject to a fine of up to \$250 and (2) for a subsequent offense, guilty of a class D misdemeanor, which is punishable by a fine of up to \$250, up to 30 days imprisonment, or both (CGS § 26-186).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2022

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 31 Nay 0 (03/04/2022)