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sSB-241

AN ACT CONCERNING BOATING SAFETY.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: See Below

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Various Municipalities	Revenue Gain	Potential Minimal	Potential Minimal

Explanation

The bill appropriates \$5 million to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) for FY 23 to hire more environmental conservation (EnCon) officers to enforce boating laws on state waters. sHB 5037, the Appropriations Committee Budget for FY 23, includes funding of \$340,265 to hire five EnCon Officers.

The bill also requires DEEP to establish a schedule of fees that lake authorities may keep for issuing fines to those who violate boating laws. This could result in a minimal revenue gain to municipalities to the extent lake authorities establish a schedule of fines for boating violations and violations occur.

The bill makes other changes that are not anticipated to have a fiscal impact.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation and violations.