Senate

General Assembly

File No. 873

January Session, 2025

Substitute Senate Bill No. 55

Senate, May 12, 2025

The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. OSTEN of the 19th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOATING SEASON FOR WYASSUP LAKE IN NORTH STONINGTON.

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

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the period of time for operation of watercraft on Wyassup Lake, in the town of North Stonington, shall be from the Saturday prior to Memorial Day to the Saturday after Labor Day weekend.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	*from passage*	New section

ENV *Joint Favorable Subst. C/R* APP

APP *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 $	FY 27 $
Resources of the General Fund	GF – Potential Revenue Gain	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill modifies the dates for operating watercraft on Wyassup Lake. To the extent this results in additional violations there could be a potential revenue increase to the resources of the General Fund, any revenue change in anticipated to be minimal.

The Out Years

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

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

This bill sets the boating season on Wyassup Lake in North Stonington. Specifically, it requires, regardless of any other state statutes, that Wyassup Lake be open to operating watercraft from the Saturday before Memorial Day to the Saturday after Labor Day weekend.

This would appear to preclude operating any watercraft (i.e. all vessels, including paddlecraft) on the lake for the remainder of the year.

Current state law does not establish a specific boating season for Wyassup Lake, but regulations limit operating a vessel towing a water skier to between June 15 to the Sunday after Labor Day on the lake, and prohibit operating a vessel towing a water skier between the islands and the east shore of the lake (Conn. Agencies Regs., § 15-121-B16).

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference - APP
Yea 33 Nay 0 (03/14/2025)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute
Yea 54 Nay 0 (04/24/2025)