



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 44**

January Session, 2025

Senate Bill No. 313

*Senate, March 6, 2025*

The Committee on Environment reported through SEN. LOPES of the 6th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPEED LIMIT FOR LAKE MASHAPAUG IN UNION.***

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than April 1, 2026,
- 2 the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection shall adopt
- 3 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the
- 4 general statutes, to establish a speed limit of ten miles per hour for all
- 5 motorboats and personal watercrafts operated on Mashapaug Lake in
- 6 the town of Union.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**ENV**      *Joint Favorable*

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### **OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

### **Explanation**

The bill requires the Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to adopt regulations related to a speed limit for motorboats and personal watercrafts operated on Mashapaug Lake. This is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact as DEEP has the staff and expertise necessary to complete the regulations.

### **The Out Years**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**OLR Bill Analysis**

**SB 313**

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPEED LIMIT FOR LAKE MASHAPAUG  
IN UNION.***

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to adopt regulations by April 1, 2026, to set a 10 miles per hour speed limit for motorboats and personal watercrafts operated on Mashapaug Lake in Union.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 35    Nay 0    (02/19/2025)