



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5332

LCO No. 1635



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN BOATING REGULATIONS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) No person shall extend
2 any limb over the gunwale of a vessel while such vessel is in operation.
3 Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be fined one
4 hundred dollars.

5 Sec. 2. Subsection (m) of section 15-140c of the general statutes is
6 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
7 *1, 2026*):

8 (m) Any person who abandons a vessel shall have committed a
9 violation and shall be fined not less than [three hundred] seven hundred
10 fifty dollars nor more than [five hundred] one thousand dollars, except
11 if such abandonment occurred during a declared emergency and as a
12 result of the conditions that caused such emergency to be declared.
13 Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the Commissioner of
14 Energy and Environmental Protection may authorize the recovery of
15 reasonable costs against the last owner of record of a vessel for the
16 recovery of an abandoned vessel and any associated environmental

17 remediation by any state or municipal law enforcement agency.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	15-140c(m)

Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit the act of extending one's limbs over the gunwale of a vessel while it is in operation, increase the abandoned vessel fine and authorize the recovery of costs associated with abandoned vessels for state and local law enforcement agencies.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]