



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5526

February Session, 2026



AN ACT CONCERNING RECIPROCITY FOR CERTAIN INLAND WATERS FISHING LICENSES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) If and when the state of
2 New York, the state of Massachusetts or the state of Rhode Island, as
3 applicable, enacts a similar law granting reciprocal privileges to
4 residents of this state, any person who holds a license to fish in inland
5 waters in the state of New York, the state of Massachusetts or the state
6 of Rhode Island, as applicable, may fish in any inland waters in this state
7 without a nonresident inland waters license to fish as required by title
8 26 of the general statutes, provided such nonresidents shall be subject to
9 all other provisions of the general statutes and the regulations of the
10 commissioner relating to fishing in lakes and ponds.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

The phrase "as applicable" was added for purposes of clarity.

ENV Joint Favorable Subst.