



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 145

LCO No. 831



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT STUDYING THE REMEDIATION OF HYDRILLA IN STATE LAKES AND THE EXPEDITING OF PERMITS RELATED TO SUCH REMEDIATION.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Energy and
2 Environmental Protection shall conduct a study, in conjunction with the
3 Office of Aquatic Invasive Species, on the remediation of hydrilla in
4 state lakes. Such study shall include, but need not be limited to, an
5 examination of the most effective methods of eliminating and
6 controlling hydrilla in such lakes, including, but not limited to, the
7 harvesting of such hydrilla and the ability to spot treat areas not
8 specifically authorized by a permit in an effort to prevent such areas
9 from enlarging. Additionally, such department shall develop protocols
10 for the expediting of permits to remediate hydrilla for alignment of the
11 issuance of such permits with the most efficacious time period and cost-
12 effective methodology for the treatment, remediation or harvesting of
13 such hydrilla by the applicable permittee.

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

To examine the most effective methods and protocols for the remediation of hydrilla in state lakes, including ways to expedite permits for such remediation.

[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.]