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**OLR Bill Analysis**

**sHB 5526**

***AN ACT CONCERNING RECIPROCITY FOR CERTAIN INLAND WATERS FISHING LICENSES.***

**SUMMARY**

This bill allows New York, Massachusetts, or Rhode Island residents who hold an inland waters fishing license in their state to fish in Connecticut inland waters without a nonresident inland waters fishing license if their state passes a similar reciprocal law for Connecticut residents. The bill requires them to follow all other Connecticut laws and regulations for fishing in lakes and ponds.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 24 Nay 9 (03/18/2026)