

Fiscal Analysis

GREAT LAKES PROTECTION DECAL



Bill/Sponsor **SENATE BILL 535, S-1**, Sen. Patricia Birkholz
SENATE BILL 536, S-2, Sen. Jason Allen

House Committee Great Lakes and Tourism

Analysis **Summary**
These bills would require the Secretary of State to design and sell a \$35 Great Lakes Protection specialty watercraft decal and direct the proceeds to be used for aquatic nuisance species research, public education, and eradication efforts.

SB 535: Requires the Secretary of State to forward \$25.00 from each watercraft decal sold, to the Great Lakes Protection Fund. The Secretary of State can retain \$10 to cover the cost of creating and distributing decals. The \$25 deposit could only be used for research on aquatic nuisance species, public education on the threat of aquatic nuisance species, and efforts to eradicate aquatic nuisance species from the Great Lakes and waters of the state.

SB 536: Requires the operator of a water vessel to obtain a specialty watercraft decal. The decal would cost \$35 and would be valid for 3 years.

Fiscal Impact
These bills would have an indeterminate impact on State government revenue to the Great Lakes Protection Fund. As many as 300,000 decals could be sold each year. The cost of design and production of these decals would be covered by the \$10 fee retained by the Secretary of State.

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