

Is VT doing enough to prevent AIS in its inland waterbodies?

Help our home waters, creating a new nonresident AIS decal fee is an opportunity to raise needed revenue, educate and encourage visitors to get involved, and become “*All-in*” with the rest of us working to protect and preserve Vermont’s incredible water resources for all to enjoy.

Other states fund their Aquatic Invasive Species control and spread prevention efforts with revenue from <i>mandatory</i> boat stickers						
State	Year passed	In-state Motorized Sticker	Out-of-state Motorized Sticker	In-state Non-Motorized Sticker	Out-of-state Non-motorized Sticker	Approximate Annual Revenue
ME	2008	\$10 combined with registration	\$20	N/A	N/A	\$1.13M
OR	2009	\$7 every 2 years	\$22	\$7	\$7	\$1M
ID	2009	\$12	\$22	\$7	\$7	\$1.2-2M
WY	2010	\$10	\$30	\$5	\$15	\$449,080
NV	2013	\$10	\$20	\$5	\$10	unknown
CA	2014	\$37yr/\$65 biannually includes sailboats <8'	N/A	N/A	\$65 yr/\$93 biannually	\$2.5M
NE	2016	\$5 added to 3 year registration fee	N/A	N/A	\$15 annually	unknown
WA	2017	N/A	\$24 registered vessel or seaplane	N/A	N/A	\$412,000 annual revenue by 2021
CO	2018	\$25 includes sailboats	\$50 includes sailboats	N/A	N/A	TBD
VT	No Law	None	None	None	None	\$0

Chart by A. Bove and C. Cano

States introducing 2019 legislation for mandatory boat sticker programs aimed at combating Aquatic Invasive Species:

- **NH H.B.625-FN -AN ACT Relative To An Aquatic Invasive Species Decal For Boats.** The NH Department of Environmental Services indicates this bill is modeled on a program in Maine with an estimated number of 10,000 out of state boaters. **Out of state: \$20 Est. revenue: \$200K**
 - update March 12, 2019: NH House Bill (HB) 625-FN passed in House Resources, Recreation and Development AND the full House of Representatives.

- **CT H.B.6637 -AN ACT Requiring An Invasive Species Stamp For The Operation Of A Motorboat On The Inland Waters of The State. Residents: \$5, Nonresidents: \$25, Revenue: TBD**
- **MT H.B. 411 -AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATED TO AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM FUNDING; REQUIRING AN AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION PASS FOR NONRESIDENT MOTORIZED VESSELS; DECREASING PREVENTION PASS FEES FOR NONRESIDENT ANGLERS; INCREASING REGISTRATION FEES FOR RESIDENT MOTORIZED VESSELS; PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS; EXTENDING FEES FOR HYDROELECTRIC FACILITIES; AMENDING SECTIONS 61-3-321, 80-7-1004, 87-2-130, AND 87-2-903, 10 MCA; AMENDING SECTIONS 19 AND 21, CHAPTER 387, LAWS OF 2017; REPEALING SECTION 7, 11 CHAPTER 387, LAWS OF 2017; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES AND TERMINATION DATES."**

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Dear Legislators,

Please consider requesting an AIS Decal Program bill for Vermont for the 2019 session. Thank you for working toward water quality.

Sincerely,

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