

Subject Watercraft Surcharge

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## Overview

This bill would increase the watercraft surcharge from \$5 to \$20 and dedicate a portion of the receipts for grants to lake associations and for grants to the University of Minnesota's Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center.

The watercraft surcharge is paid on each three-year watercraft license and is currently dedicated to the aquatic invasive species account. The account provides funding for aquatic invasive species activities at the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and, in previous years, aquatic invasive species grant opportunities for lake associations and others.

## Summary

Section	Description
1	<p><b>Invasive species accounts.</b></p> <p><b>Subd. 1. Creation.</b> Establishes an invasive species research account in addition to the existing invasive species account.</p> <p><b>Subd. 2. Receipts.</b> Dedicates revenues raised from the watercraft surcharge to the invasive species account (\$16 of each surcharge) and the new invasive species research account (\$4 of each surcharge).</p> <p><b>Subd. 3. Use of money in invasive species account.</b> Requires at least \$2 from each watercraft surcharge deposited into the invasive species account to be used for grants to lake associations to manage aquatic invasive plant species.</p> <p><b>Subd. 4. Use of money in invasive species research account.</b> Requires the money deposited in the invasive species research account to be used for grants to the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center.</p>
2	<p><b>Watercraft surcharge.</b></p> <p>Increases the watercraft surcharge from \$5 to \$20.</p>



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