

HB 2207

Relating To ballast water

HB 2207 authorizes the Environmental Quality Commission to adopt by rule standards and procedures for implementing alternative ballast water management strategies for vessels with empty ballast tanks that enter waters of state.

The amendment removes the requirement that civil penalties collected under state laws regulating discharge of ballast water be deposited in Invasive Species Control Account instead of the General Fund. This change makes the bill non-fiscal as the Department can accommodate the rule making without additional funds.

Your Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends HB 2207 be amended by the -A4 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.