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(This list of bills is based on staff research and discussions with legislators and legislative staff. If you have a bill to add, please contact Tim Anderson at 630/925-1922 or tanderson@csg.org.

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State	Bill	Description	Sponsor/author	Status
Illinois	HB 658	create the Task Force on Pharmaceuticals and Personal Care Products and Other Emerging Contaminants in Drinking Water	Rep. Paul D. Froehlich	signed into law
Illinois	HB 872	reduce Asian carp by stimulating its bulk harvest in Illinois River and by increasing the number of native fish	Rep. Jim Watson	signed into law
Illinois	HB 2434	create Green Infrastructure for Clean Water Act	Rep. Elaine Nekritz	referred to Environment and Energy Committee
Illinois	HB 3828	create Task Force on the Conservation and Quality of the Great Lakes	Rep. Patricia Bellock	signed into law
Illinois	HB 3829	create the Great Lakes Preservation and Protection Act	Rep. Patricia Bellock	referred to Rules Committee
Illinois	HB 3954	establish state permits for oceangoing vessels to prevent discharge of invasive species; work with other jurisdictions	Rep. Harry Osterman	referred to Rules Committee
Illinois	HB 4249	implement public information program for proper storage and disposal of pharmaceuticals	Rep. Sandra Pihos	referred to Rules Committee
Illinois	SB 178	implement public information program for proper storage and disposal of pharmaceuticals	Sen. Susan Garrett	signed into law
Illinois	SB 1489	create Green Infrastructure for Clean Water Act	Sen. Iris Martinez	signed into law
Illinois	SB 1919	ban health care institutions from disposing unused drugs into a public wastewater collection system/septic system	Sen. Susan Garrett	signed into law
Illinois	HR 548	urge U.S. EPA to monitor BP refinery in Whiting, Indiana, and its effects on neighboring states	Rep. Patricia Bellock	referred to Rules Committee
Indiana	SB 419	change regulatory rules regarding quality of surface waters	Sen. Bev Gard	passed by Senate
Indiana	HB 1203	establish invasive species council at Purdue University	Rep. Bob Bischoff	signed into law
Indiana	HB 1224	create task force on drinking-water availability as economic and environmental necessity	Rep. Steven Stemler	signed into law

Michigan	HB 4153	turn permitting of wetlands over to federal government	Rep. Jim Stamas	referred to Great Lakes and Environment Committee
Michigan	HB 4277	prohibit, except for under limited circumstances, and require labeling of mercury-added products	Rep. Pam Byrnes	passed by House
Michigan	HB 4278	establish labeling requirements for mercury-added products sold in Michigan	Rep. Mary Valentine	passed by House
Michigan	HB 4279	prohibit mercury-added “novelites”	Rep. Kate Ebli	passed by House
Michigan	HB 4280	require anyone who distributes or otherwise provides elemental mercury to provide a material safety data sheet	Rep. Kate Ebli	passed by House
Michigan	HB 4281	ban sale of certain mercury-added products	Rep. Rebekah Warren	passed by House
Michigan	HB 4402	ban sales or use of human lice treatments containing lindane	Rep. Dan Scripps	passed by House
Michigan	HB 4542	turn permitting of wetlands over to federal government	Rep. Tom Pearce	referred to Great Lakes and Environment Committee
Michigan	HB 4699	phase out use of deca-BDEs	Rep. Deb Kennedy	referred to Great Lakes and Environment Committee
Michigan	HB 5319	waters in the state, including groundwater, are held in trust by the state	Rep. Dan Scripps	referred to Great Lakes and Environment Committee
Michigan	HCR 125	memorialize the U.S. Congress to appropriate \$475 million for a Great Lakes Restoration Initiative	Rep. Rebekah Warren	reported by Great Lakes and Environment Committee
Michigan	HR 125	memorialize the U.S. Congress to appropriate \$475 million for a Great Lakes Restoration Initiative	Rep. Doug Bennett	reported by Great Lakes and Environment Committee
Michigan	HR 151	memorialize U.S. Congress to increase funding available for beach water quality monitoring	Rep. Jeff Mayes	referred to Great Lakes and Environment Committee
Michigan	SB 187	turn permitting of wetlands over to federal government	Sen. Roger Kahn	referred to Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee
Michigan	SB 436 (proposed amendment to SB 436)	eliminate “bottled water” exemption in state water-withdrawal rules for Great Lakes basin	Sen. Liz Brater	amendment defeated; SB 436 passed by Senate
Minnesota	HF 1031	provide funding for comprehensive statewide sustainable water resources detailed framework	Rep. Jean Wagenius	see HF 1231; Article 2, Section 30 (signed into law)
Minnesota	HF 2133	develop minimal impact design standards for urban storm-water runoff	Rep. Kent Eken	see HF 2123 (signed into law)
Minnesota	SF 924	provide funding for comprehensive statewide sustainable water resources detailed framework	Sen. Ellen Anderson	see HF 1231; Article 2, Section 30 (signed into law)

Minnesota	SF 1892	develop minimal impact design standards for urban storm-water runoff	Sen. Satveer Chaudhary	see HF 2123 (signed into law)
New York	AB 542	prohibit oil or natural gas drilling operations or pipelines on lands under waters of lakes Ontario and Erie	Asm. Sam Hoyt	referred to Environmental Conservation Committee
New York	AB 708	prohibit discharge of chlorine compounds into navigable waters of the state by pulp and paper manufacturing concerns	Asm. Brian Kavanagh	referred to Environmental Conservation Committee
New York	AB 816	establish a Lake Erie research center and warm-water fish species hatchery	Asw. Francine DelMonte	referred to Environmental Health Committee
New York	AB 887	require owners, operators of beaches to report any regulated medical waste washing up on shore	Asm. David McDonough	referred to Health Committee
New York	AB 1837	prohibit smoking on public beaches	Asm. Jeffrey Dinowitz	referred to Health Committee
New York	AB 5438	regulate release of ballast water; provide for penalties	Asm. David Koon	referred to Environmental Conservation Committee
New York	AB 5811	enact Mercury Free Water Resources and Mercury Reduction Management Strategy Act	Asm. David Brodsky	referred to Environmental Conservation Committee
New York	AB 6035	require permitting of oceangoing vessels in Great Lakes; establish aquatic invasive species control fund	Asm. David Koon	referred to Environmental Conservation Committee
New York	S 78	establish a Lake Erie research center and warm-water fish species hatchery	Sen. Dale Volker	referred to Finance Committee
New York	S 2858	participate in Great Lakes aquatic nuisance species coalition	Sen. George Maziarz	referred to Environmental Conservation Committee
New York	S 3780	limit amount of phosphorus in dishwasher detergents and ban sale and use of phosphorus fertilizer, with some exceptions	Sen. Antoine Thompson	referred to Environmental Conservation Committee
New York	S 4233	prohibit oil or natural gas drilling operations or pipelines on lands under waters of lakes Ontario and Erie	Sen. John Sampson	referred to Environmental Conservation Committee
New York	S 4350	enact Mercury Free Water Resources and Mercury Reduction Management Strategy Act	Sen. Carl Kruger	referred to Environmental Conservation Committee
New York	S 4994	enact Mercury Free Water Resources and Mercury Reduction Management Strategy Act	Sen. Antoine Thompson	referred to Environmental Conservation Committee

Ohio	HB 110	authorize DNR to issue permits, make leases to remove natural gas and oil from under bed of Lake Erie	Rep. John Adams	referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee
Ohio	Am. Sub. H.B. 1 (as passed by Senate)	authorize DNR to open up state parkland for oil and natural gas drilling; prohibit drilling under Lake Erie bed unless authorized by federal law		not included in final budget bill
Ontario	Bill 43	reserve right of passage along Great Lakes shoreline and high water mark	MPP Kim Craiton	first reading ~ carried
Ontario	Bill 112	prohibit sale of single-use plastic bottles of water	MPP Kuldip Kular	second reading ~ lost on division
Ontario	Bill 215	prohibit use of public funds for purchase of bottled water	MPP Peter Tabuns	first reading ~ carried
Quebec	Public Bill 27	affirm collective nature of water resources and provide for increased water resource protection	Madam Line Beauchamp	passed and assented
Wisconsin	AB 3	ban sale and use of fertilizer containing phosphorus, with some exception	Rep. Spencer Black	signed into law
Wisconsin	AB 75 (executive budget bill)	authorize DNR to issue ballast water permits and set fees; bill also includes other water-related fees and activities, including those related to financing and implementing Great Lakes compact	executive budget bill	signed into law
Wisconsin	AB 162	impose new restrictions related to invasive species and aquatic plants and animals	Rep. Nick Milroy	referred to Natural Resources Committee
Wisconsin	AB 281	limit phosphorus content in dishwasher detergent	Rep. Spencer Black	passed by Assembly and Senate
Wisconsin	AB 299	regulate or prohibit certain “mercury-added products”	Rep. Chris Danou	referred to Committee on Rules
Wisconsin	AB 360	require ballast water permits	Rep. Louis Molepkse	referred to Committee on Natural Resources
Wisconsin	SB 5	ban sale and use of fertilizer containing phosphorus, with some exceptions	Sen. Mark Miller	passed by Environment Committee (see AB 3)
Wisconsin	SB 123	impose new restrictions related to invasive species and aquatic plants and animals	Sen. Robert Jauch	signed into law
Wisconsin	SB 200	regulate or prohibit certain “mercury-added products”	Sen. Robert Jauch	signed into law