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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](mailto:tanderson@csg.org).

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State	Bill	Description	Sponsor/author	Status
Illinois	<a href="#">HB 658</a>	create the Task Force on Pharmaceuticals and Personal Care Products and Other Emerging Contaminants in Drinking Water	<a href="#">Rep. Paul D. Froehlich</a>	signed into <a href="#">law</a>
Illinois	<a href="#">HB 872</a>	reduce Asian carp by stimulating its bulk harvest in Illinois River and by increasing the number of native fish	<a href="#">Rep. Jim Watson</a>	signed into <a href="#">law</a>
Illinois	<a href="#">HB 2434</a>	create Green Infrastructure for Clean Water Act	<a href="#">Rep. Elaine Nekritz</a>	referred to Environment and Energy Committee
Illinois	<a href="#">HB 3828</a>	create Task Force on the Conservation and Quality of the Great Lakes	<a href="#">Rep. Patricia Bellock</a>	signed into <a href="#">law</a>
Illinois	<a href="#">HB 3829</a>	create the Great Lakes Preservation and Protection Act	<a href="#">Rep. Patricia Bellock</a>	referred to Rules Committee
Illinois	<a href="#">HB 3954</a>	establish state permits for oceangoing vessels to prevent discharge of invasive species; work with other jurisdictions	<a href="#">Rep. Harry Osterman</a>	referred to Rules Committee
Illinois	<a href="#">HB 4249</a>	implement public information program for proper storage and disposal of pharmaceuticals	<a href="#">Rep. Sandra Pihos</a>	referred to Rules Committee
Illinois	<a href="#">HB 5226</a>	finance water pollution control projects	<a href="#">Rep. Deb Mell</a>	<a href="#">passed by House</a>
Illinois	<a href="#">HB 5611</a>	create Lake Michigan Ecosystem Protection Act; require ballast water permits for ocean-going vessels	<a href="#">Rep. Patricia Bellock</a>	referred to Rules Committee
Illinois	<a href="#">HB 6099</a>	restricts application of fertilizer containing phosphorus	<a href="#">Rep. Brandon Phelps</a>	<a href="#">passed by House</a>
Illinois	<a href="#">SB 178</a>	implement public information program for proper storage and disposal of pharmaceuticals	<a href="#">Sen. Susan Garrett</a>	signed into <a href="#">law</a>
Illinois	<a href="#">SB 1489</a>	create Green Infrastructure for Clean Water Act	<a href="#">Sen. Iris Martinez</a>	signed into <a href="#">law</a>
Illinois	<a href="#">SB 1919</a>	ban health care institutions from disposing unused drugs into a public wastewater collection system/septic system	<a href="#">Sen. Susan Garrett</a>	signed into <a href="#">law</a>

Illinois	<a href="#">SB 2122</a>	Pollution Control Board must conduct regulatory proceeding to determine appropriate water quality and effluent standard for boron, if any	<a href="#">Sen. Emil Jones III</a>	referred to Assignments Committee
Illinois	<a href="#">SB 2549</a>	require Department of Public Health to develop standards for harvesting rainwater for non-potable uses like flushing toilets	<a href="#">Sen. Susan Garrett</a>	passed by Senate
Illinois	<a href="#">HR 548</a>	urge U.S. EPA to monitor BP refinery in Whiting, Indiana, and its effects on neighboring states	<a href="#">Rep. Patricia Bellock</a>	referred to Rules Committee
Indiana	<a href="#">SB 419 (2009 bill)</a>	change regulatory rules regarding quality of surface waters	<a href="#">Sen. Bev Gard</a>	passed by Senate
Indiana	<a href="#">HB 1203 (2009 bill)</a>	establish invasive species council at Purdue University	<a href="#">Rep. Bob Bischoff</a>	signed into law
Indiana	<a href="#">HB 1224 (2009 bill)</a>	create task force on drinking-water availability as economic and environmental necessity	<a href="#">Rep. Steven Stemler</a>	signed into law
Michigan	<a href="#">HB 4153</a>	turn permitting of wetlands over to federal government	<a href="#">Rep. Jim Stamas</a>	referred to Great Lakes and Environment Committee
Michigan	<a href="#">HB 4277</a>	prohibit, except for under limited circumstances, and require labeling of mercury-added products	<a href="#">Rep. Pam Byrnes</a>	passed by House
Michigan	<a href="#">HB 4278</a>	establish labeling requirements for mercury-added products sold in Michigan	<a href="#">Rep. Mary Valentine</a>	passed by House
Michigan	<a href="#">HB 4279</a>	prohibit mercury-added “novelties”	<a href="#">Rep. Kate Ebli</a>	passed by House
Michigan	<a href="#">HB 4280</a>	require anyone who distributes or otherwise provides elemental mercury to provide a material safety data sheet	<a href="#">Rep. Kate Ebli</a>	passed by House
Michigan	<a href="#">HB 4281</a>	ban sale of certain mercury-added products	<a href="#">Rep. Rebekah Warren</a>	passed by House
Michigan	<a href="#">HB 4402</a>	ban sales or use of human lice treatments containing lindane	<a href="#">Rep. Dan Scripps</a>	passed by House
Michigan	<a href="#">HB 4542</a>	turn permitting of wetlands over to federal government	<a href="#">Rep. Tom Pearce</a>	referred to Great Lakes and Environment Committee
Michigan	<a href="#">HB 4699</a>	phase out use of deca-BDEs	<a href="#">Rep. Deb Kennedy</a>	passed by House
Michigan	<a href="#">HB 5319</a>	waters in the state, including groundwater, are held in trust by the state	<a href="#">Rep. Dan Scripps</a>	referred to Great Lakes and Environment Committee
Michigan	<a href="#">HB 5751</a>	provide incentives for development of green infrastructure relating to storm water management systems	<a href="#">Rep. Marie Donigan</a>	referred to Great Lakes and Environment Committee

Michigan	<a href="#">HB 5761</a>	place moratorium on offshore wind energy proposals in Michigan	<a href="#">Rep. Goeff Hansen</a>	referred to Technology and Energy Committee
Michigan	<a href="#">HCR 28</a>	urge U.S. Congress to continue to provide funding in coming years for cleaning up Great Lakes and protecting them from invasive species	<a href="#">Rep. Rebekah Warren</a>	adopted by House and Senate
Michigan	<a href="#">HCR 33</a>	urge immediate actions to prevent Asian carp from entering Great Lakes and develop of long-term strategies to address this problem	<a href="#">Rep. Rebekah Warren</a>	adopted by House and Senate
Michigan	<a href="#">HCR 38</a>	urge Obama administration to reconsider opposition to Michigan lawsuit that would prevent Asian carp from invading Great Lakes	<a href="#">Rep. Tonya Schuitmaker</a>	referred to Great Lakes and Environment Committee
Michigan	<a href="#">HCR 47</a>	urge president to ensure recreational fishing/boating are national priorities in Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force's final report and to recognize primacy of state management in Great Lakes region	<a href="#">Rep. Wayne Schmidt</a>	introduced
Michigan	<a href="#">HCR 49</a>	urge the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Council to scrutinize carefully the proposed diversion at Waukesha, Wis.	<a href="#">Rep. Rebekah Warren</a>	reported out of Great Lakes and Environment Committee
Michigan	<a href="#">HR 125</a>	memorialize the U.S. Congress to appropriate \$475 million for a Great Lakes Restoration Initiative	<a href="#">Rep. Doug Bennett</a>	reported out of Great Lakes and Environment Committee
Michigan	<a href="#">HR 239</a>	urge president to ensure recreational fishing/boating are national priorities in Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force's final report and to recognize primacy of state management in Great Lakes region	<a href="#">Rep. Joel Sheltrown</a>	referred to Committee on Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources
Michigan	<a href="#">HR 240</a>	urge Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Council to scrutinize carefully the proposed diversion at Waukesha, Wis.	<a href="#">Rep. Arlan Meekhof</a>	reported out of Great Lakes and Environment Committee
Michigan	<a href="#">HR 151</a>	memorialize U.S. Congress to increase funding available for beach water quality monitoring	<a href="#">Rep. Jeff Mayes</a>	referred to Great Lakes and Environment Committee
Michigan	<a href="#">HR 186</a>	urge U.S. Congress and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to take immediate actions to prevent Asian carp from entering Great Lakes and develop long-term strategies to address this problem	<a href="#">Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer</a>	adopted by House
Michigan	<a href="#">SB 187</a>	turn permitting of wetlands over to federal government	<a href="#">Sen. Roger Kahn</a>	referred to Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee

Michigan	<a href="#">SB 436</a> (proposed amendment to SB 436)	eliminate “bottled water” exemption in state water-withdrawal rules for Great Lakes basin	<a href="#">Sen. Liz Brater</a>	amendment defeated; <a href="#">SB 436 passed by Senate</a>
Michigan	<a href="#">SB 1066</a>	modify Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to make it inapplicable to activities under Great Lakes Wind Development Act.	<a href="#">Sen. Patricia Birkholz</a>	referred to Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee
Michigan	<a href="#">SB 1067</a>	establish off-shore wind siting rules and requirements under Great Lakes Wind Energy Act	<a href="#">Sen. Patricia Birkholz</a>	referred to Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee
Michigan	<a href="#">SB 1134</a>	place moratorium on offshore wind energy proposals in Michigan	<a href="#">Sen. Mark Jansen</a>	referred to Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee
Michigan	<a href="#">SCR 37</a>	urge inclusion of an addendum to address aquatic invasive species in the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement	<a href="#">Sen. Patricia Birkholz</a>	<a href="#">adopted by Senate</a>
Michigan	<a href="#">SCR 38</a>	urge the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Council to scrutinize carefully the proposed diversion at Waukesha, Wis.	<a href="#">Sen. Patricia Birkholz</a>	<a href="#">adopted by Senate</a>
Michigan	<a href="#">SR 100</a>	urge U.S. Congress and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to take immediate actions to prevent Asian carp from entering Great Lakes and to develop long-term strategies to address this problem	<a href="#">Sen. Randy Richardville</a>	<a href="#">adopted by Senate</a>
Michigan	<a href="#">SR 132</a>	urge inclusion of an addendum to address aquatic invasive species in the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement	<a href="#">Sen. Jason Allen</a>	<a href="#">adopted by Senate</a>
Michigan	<a href="#">SR 133</a>	urge Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Council to scrutinize carefully the proposed diversion at Waukesha, Wis.	<a href="#">Sen. Liz Brater</a>	<a href="#">adopted by Senate</a>
Minnesota	<a href="#">HF 1031</a>	provide funding for comprehensive statewide sustainable water resources detailed framework	<a href="#">Rep. Jean Wagenius</a>	<a href="#">see HF 1231; Article 2, Section 30 (signed into law)</a>
Minnesota	<a href="#">HF 1217</a>	act to provide safe disposal of prescription drugs; create product stewardship program	<a href="#">Rep. Paul Gardner</a>	<a href="#">passed by House and Senate</a>
Minnesota	<a href="#">HF 2133</a>	develop minimal impact design standards for urban storm-water runoff	<a href="#">Rep. Kent Eken</a>	<a href="#">see HF 2123 (signed into law)</a>
Minnesota	<a href="#">HF 2290</a>	create local grant program to acquire and manage aquatic management areas	<a href="#">Rep. John Persell</a>	referred to Environment and Natural Resources Finance Division

Minnesota	<a href="#">HF 3124</a>	change state aquaculture laws,, including new inspection rules and process for VHS-vulnerable species	<a href="#">Rep. David Dill</a>	referred to Environment and Natural Resources Finance Division
Minnesota	<a href="#">HF 3601</a>	require invasive species training for commercial dock and boat lift installers	<a href="#">Rep. John Persell</a>	referred to Environment Policy and Oversight Committee
Minnesota	<a href="#">SF 924</a>	provide funding for comprehensive statewide sustainable water resources detailed framework	<a href="#">Sen. Ellen Anderson</a>	<a href="#">see HF 1231; Article 2, Section 30 (signed into law)</a>
Minnesota	<a href="#">SF 1568</a>	act to provide safe disposal of prescription drugs; create product stewardship program	<a href="#">Sen. John Doll</a>	substituted for <a href="#">HF 1217</a>
Minnesota	<a href="#">SF 1892</a>	develop minimal impact design standards for urban storm-water runoff	<a href="#">Sen. Satveer Chaudhary</a>	<a href="#">see HF 2123 (signed into law)</a>
Minnesota	<a href="#">SF 2046</a>	create local grant program to acquire and manage aquatic management areas	<a href="#">Sen. Satveer Chaudhary</a>	referred to Environment and Natural Resources Finance Committee
Minnesota	<a href="#">SF 2900</a>	change state aquaculture laws,, including new inspection rules and process for VHS-vulnerable species	<a href="#">Sen. Satveer Chaudhary</a>	referred to Finance Committee
Minnesota	<a href="#">SF 2969</a>	require invasive species training for commercial dock and boat lift installers	<a href="#">Rep. Mary Olson</a>	referred to Environment and Natural Resources Committee
New York	<a href="#">AB 542</a>	prohibit oil or natural gas drilling operations or pipelines on lands under waters of lakes Ontario and Erie	<a href="#">Asm. Sam Hoyt</a>	referred to Environmental Conservation Committee
New York	<a href="#">AB 708</a>	prohibit discharge of chlorine compounds into navigable waters of the state by pulp and paper manufacturing concerns	<a href="#">Asm. Brian Kavanagh</a>	referred to Environmental Conservation Committee
New York	<a href="#">AB 816</a>	establish a Lake Erie research center and warm-water fish species hatchery	<a href="#">Asw. Francine DelMonte</a>	referred to Environmental Health Committee
New York	<a href="#">AB 887</a>	require beach owners, operators to report any regulated medical waste washing up on shore	<a href="#">Asm. David McDonough</a>	referred to Health Committee
New York	<a href="#">AB 1837</a>	prohibit smoking on public beaches	<a href="#">Asm. Jeffrey Dinowitz</a>	referred to Health Committee
New York	<a href="#">AB 5438</a>	regulate release of ballast water; provide for penalties	<a href="#">Asm. David Koon</a>	referred to Environmental Conservation Committee
New York	<a href="#">AB 5811</a>	enact Mercury Free Water Resources and Mercury Reduction Management Strategy Act	<a href="#">Asm. David Brodsky</a>	referred to Environmental Conservation Committee

New York	<a href="#">AB 6035</a>	require permitting of oceangoing vessels in Great Lakes; establish aquatic invasive species control fund	<a href="#">Asm. David Koon</a>	referred to Environmental Conservation Committee
New York	<a href="#">AB 6363</a>	provide regulatory authority to Department of Environmental Conservation for freshwater wetlands of one acre or more	<a href="#">Asm. Robert Sweeney</a>	passed by Assembly; died in Senate
New York	<a href="#">AB 8806</a>	change water withdrawal permitting process to allow Department of Environmental Conservation to better regulate use of water resources	<a href="#">Asm. Robert Sweeney</a>	referred to Environmental Conservation Committee
New York	<a href="#">S 78</a>	establish a Lake Erie research center and warm-water fish species hatchery	<a href="#">Sen. Dale Volker</a>	referred to Finance Committee
New York	<a href="#">S 848</a>	provide regulatory authority to Department of Environmental Conservation for freshwater wetlands of one acre or more	<a href="#">Asm. Carl Marcellino</a>	referred to Environmental Conservation Committee
New York	<a href="#">S 2858</a>	participate in Great Lakes aquatic nuisance species coalition	<a href="#">Sen. George Maziarz</a>	referred to Environmental Conservation Committee
New York	<a href="#">S 3780</a>	limit amount of phosphorus in dishwasher detergents and ban sale and use of phosphorus fertilizer, with some exceptions	<a href="#">Sen. Antoine Thompson</a>	referred to Environmental Conservation Committee
New York	<a href="#">S 4233</a>	prohibit oil or natural gas drilling operations or pipelines on lands under waters of lakes Ontario and Erie	<a href="#">Sen. John Sampson</a>	referred to Environmental Conservation Committee
New York	<a href="#">S 4350</a>	prohibit discharge of chlorine compounds into navigable waters of the state by pulp and paper manufacturing concerns	<a href="#">Sen. Carl Kruger</a>	referred to Environmental Conservation Committee
New York	<a href="#">S 4994</a>	enact Mercury Free Water Resources and Mercury Reduction Management Strategy Act	<a href="#">Sen. Antoine Thompson</a>	referred to Environmental Conservation Committee
Ohio	<a href="#">HB 110</a>	authorize DNR to issue permits, make leases to remove natural gas and oil from under bed of Lake Erie	<a href="#">Rep. John Adams</a>	referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee
Ohio	<a href="#">Am. Sub. H.B. 1 (as passed by Senate)</a>	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
Ohio	<a href="#">SB 27</a>	establish requirements governing oceangoing vessels on the state waters of Lake Erie in order to control aquatic nuisance species	<a href="#">Sen. Dale Miller</a>	referred to Environment and Natural Resources Committee
Ontario	<a href="#">Bill 13</a>	sustain and encourage improvement in Ontario's water and wastewater services and establish Ontario Water Board	<a href="#">MLA David Caplan</a>	first reading
Quebec	<a href="#">Public Bill 27</a>	affirm collective nature of water resources and provide for increased water resource protection	<a href="#">Madam Line Beauchamp</a>	passed and assented to

Wisconsin	<a href="#">AB 3</a>	ban sale and use of fertilizer containing phosphorus, with some exception	<a href="#">Rep. Spencer Black</a>	signed into <a href="#">law</a>
Wisconsin	<a href="#">AB 75</a> (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 <a href="#">law</a>
Wisconsin	<a href="#">AB 162</a>	impose new restrictions related to invasive species and aquatic plants and animals	<a href="#">Rep. Nick Milroy</a>	referred to Natural Resources Committee
Wisconsin	<a href="#">AB 281</a>	limit phosphorus content in dishwasher detergent	<a href="#">Rep. Spencer Black</a>	signed into <a href="#">law</a>
Wisconsin	<a href="#">AB 299</a>	regulate or prohibit certain “mercury-added products”	<a href="#">Rep. Chris Danou</a>	referred to Committee on Rules
Wisconsin	<a href="#">AB 360</a>	require ballast water permits	<a href="#">Rep. Louis Molepkse</a>	referred to Committee on Natural Resources
Wisconsin	<a href="#">AB 844</a>	establish standards and process for designating areas in state as groundwater management areas	<a href="#">Rep. Spencer Black</a>	referred to Committee on Natural Resources
Wisconsin	<a href="#">AR 16</a>	Urge, authorize attorney general to pursue legal means available to prevent Asian carp from entering Great Lakes	<a href="#">Rep. Jon Richards</a>	<a href="#">adopted by Assembly</a>
Wisconsin	<a href="#">SB 5</a>	ban sale and use of fertilizer containing phosphorus, with some exceptions	<a href="#">Sen. Mark Miller</a>	passed by Environment Committee ( <a href="#">see AB 3</a> )
Wisconsin	<a href="#">SB 123</a>	impose new restrictions related to invasive species and aquatic plants and animals	<a href="#">Sen. Robert Jauch</a>	signed into <a href="#">law</a>
Wisconsin	<a href="#">SB 200</a>	regulate or prohibit certain “mercury-added products”	<a href="#">Sen. Robert Jauch</a>	signed into <a href="#">law</a>
Wisconsin	<a href="#">SR 8</a>	urge and authorize attorney general to pursue every legal means available to prevent Asian carp from entering Great Lakes	<a href="#">Sen. Mark Miller</a>	referred to Senate Organization Committee