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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	HB 5226	finance water pollution control projects	Rep. Deb Mell	signed into law
Illinois	HB 5611	create Lake Michigan Ecosystem Protection Act; require ballast water permits for ocean-going vessels	Rep. Patricia Bellock	referred to Rules Committee
Illinois	HB 6099	restricts application of fertilizer containing phosphorus	Rep. Brandon Phelps	signed into law
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	SB 2122	Pollution Control Board must conduct regulatory proceeding to determine appropriate water quality and effluent standard for boron, if any	Sen. Emil Jones III	referred to Assignments Committee
Illinois	SB 2549	require Department of Public Health to develop standards for harvesting rainwater for non-potable uses like flushing toilets	Sen. Susan Garrett	passed by Senate
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
Illinois	HR 1145	urge the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to seek alternatives to the closure of the Chicago Area Waterway systems of locks and canals that would not impede commerce	Rep. Emily McAsey	referred to Rules Committee
Illinois	SR 779	urge the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to seek alternatives to the closure of the Chicago Area Waterway systems of locks and canals that would not impede commerce	Sen. A.J. Wilhelm	adopted by Senate
Indiana	SB 419 (2009 bill)	change regulatory rules regarding quality of surface waters	Sen. Bev Gard	passed by Senate
Indiana	HB 1203 (2009 bill)	establish invasive species council at Purdue University	Rep. Bob Bischoff	signed into law
Indiana	HB 1224 (2009 bill)	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 "novelties"	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	passed by House
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	HB 5368	prohibit use of fertilizer with phosphorus on residential lawns and other areas unless soil tests show there is not enough phosphorus to support a healthy lawn or when a new lawn is just being established	Rep. Terry Brown	presented to the governor
Michigan	HB 5751	provide incentives for development of green infrastructure relating to storm water management systems	Rep. Marie Donigan	passed by House
Michigan	HB 5761	place moratorium on offshore wind energy proposals in Michigan	Rep. Goeff Hansen	referred to Technology and Energy Committee
Michigan	HB 6416	allocate up to \$140 million from state's Great Lakes Water Quality Bond Fund to a fund that finances projects to prevent nonpoint source pollution	Rep. Martin Griffin	signed into law
Michigan	HB 6417	increase funding for grant program that finances local water quality and protection projects	Rep. Gabe Leland	passed by House
Michigan	HB 6564	implement off-shore wind development provisions	Rep. Dan Scripps	referred to Energy and Technology Committee
Michigan	HCR 28	urge U.S. Congress to continue to provide funding in coming years for cleaning up Great Lakes and protecting them from invasive species	Rep. Rebekah Warren	adopted by House and Senate
Michigan	HCR 33	urge immediate actions to prevent Asian carp from entering Great Lakes and develop of long-term strategies to address this problem	Rep. Rebekah Warren	adopted by House and Senate
Michigan	HCR 38	urge Obama administration to reconsider opposition to Michigan lawsuit that would prevent Asian carp from invading Great Lakes	Rep. Tonya Schuitmaker	referred to Great Lakes and Environment Committee
Michigan	HCR 47	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	Rep. Wayne Schmidt	adopted by House
Michigan	HCR 49	urge the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Council to scrutinize carefully the proposed diversion at Waukesha, Wis.	Rep. Rebekah Warren	adopted by House and Senate
Michigan	HCR 59	urge inclusion of a ban on new oil and gas drilling beneath the Great Lakes in the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement	Rep. Sarah Roberts	reported out of Great Lakes and Environment Committee
Michigan	HCR 60	urge Great Lakes states and province of Ontario to ban any new oil and gas drilling beneath the Great Lakes	Rep. Rebekah Warren	reported out of Great Lakes and Environment Committee
Michigan	HJR GGG	prohibit drilling in or beneath	Rep. Dan Scripps	reported out of

		the bottomlands of the Great Lakes		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 out of Great Lakes and Environment Committee
Michigan	HR 151	memorialize U.S. Congress to increase funding available for beach water quality monitoring	Rep. Jeff Mayes	adopted by House
Michigan	HR 186	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	Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer	adopted by House
Michigan	HR 239	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	Rep. Joel Sheltroun	adopted by House
Michigan	HR 240	urge Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Council to scrutinize carefully the proposed diversion at Waukesha, Wis.	Rep. Arlan Meekhof	adopted by House
Michigan	HR 245	express opposition to a federal takeover of the Great Lakes	Rep. John Walsh	referred to Great Lakes and Environment Committee
Michigan	HR 303	urge inclusion of a ban on new oil and gas drilling beneath the Great Lakes in the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement	Rep. Judy Nerat	reported out of Great Lakes and Environment Committee
Michigan	HR 306	ban any new oil and gas drilling beneath the Great Lakes	Rep. Mary Valentine	reported out of Great Lakes and Environment Committee
Michigan	HR 312	memorialize U.S. Congress to enact legislation to require Secretary of the Army to study the feasibility of the hydrological separation of Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins	Rep. Judy Nerat	adopted by House
Michigan	HR 336	urge U.S. Coast Guard and Michigan and U.S. Attorney General to identify and prosecute perpetrators responsible for illegal dumping leading to trash and medical waste washing up on Lake Michigan beaches	Rep. Dan Scripps	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
Michigan	SB 1066	modify Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to make it inapplicable to activities under Great Lakes Wind Development Act.	Sen. Patricia Birkholz	referred to Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee
Michigan	SB 1067	establish off-shore wind siting rules and requirements under Great Lakes Wind Energy Act	Sen. Patricia Birkholz	referred to Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee
Michigan	SB 1134	place moratorium on offshore wind energy proposals in Michigan	Sen. Mark Jansen	referred to Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee
Michigan	SB 1247	repeal provision requiring certain people to file an annual report regarding wastewater discharges	Sen. Gerald Van Woerkom	passed by Senate
Michigan	SB 1591	implement off-shore wind development provisions	Sen. Patricia Birkholz	referred to Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee
Michigan	SCR 37	urge inclusion of an addendum to address aquatic invasive species in the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement	Sen. Patricia Birkholz	adopted by Senate and House
Michigan	SCR 38	urge the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Council to scrutinize carefully the proposed diversion at Waukesha, Wis.	Sen. Patricia Birkholz	adopted by Senate and House
Michigan	SCR 42	express dismay and deep regret at the lack of immediate federal actions to prevent Asian carp from entering Great Lakes and urge the Michigan attorney general to pursue further legal actions	Sen. Patricia Birkholz	adopted by Senate
Michigan	SCR 47	call the Obama administration to task for its failed leadership on preventing Asian carp from invading Great Lakes and call again for immediate actions to prevent further carp movement into the Great Lakes	Sen. Patricia Birkholz	adopted by Senate
Michigan	SCR 48	urge inclusion of ban on new oil and gas drilling beneath Great Lakes in Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement; call for study and assessment of impact and risk from existing drilling operations on Great Lakes	Sen. Randy Richardville	reported by Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee
Michigan	SJR AA	prohibit drilling of a well for the exploration or production of oil or natural gas within the Great Lakes or beneath the bottomlands of the Great Lakes	Sen. Glenn Anderson	referred to Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee

Michigan	SJR Z	prohibit drilling in waters of the state or beneath the bottomlands of the Great Lakes	Sen. Glenn Anderson	reported by Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee
Michigan	SR 100	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	Sen. Randy Richardville	adopted by Senate
Michigan	SR 132	urge inclusion of an addendum to address aquatic invasive species in the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement	Sen. Jason Allen	adopted by Senate
Michigan	SR 133	urge Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Council to scrutinize carefully the proposed diversion at Waukesha, Wis.	Sen. Liz Brater	adopted by Senate
Michigan	SR 162	express dismay and deep regret at lack of immediate federal actions to prevent Asian carp from entering the Great Lakes and urge the Michigan Attorney General to pursue further legal actions	Sen. Jason Allen	adopted by Senate
Michigan	SR 166	call the Obama Administration to task for its failed leadership on preventing Asian carp from invading Great Lakes and call again for immediate actions to prevent further carp movement into the Great Lakes	Sen. Roger Kahn	adopted by Senate
Michigan	SR 168	urge the Great Lakes states and Ontario and the federal governments of the United States and Canada to ban permanently all directional drilling for oil and gas beneath the Great Lakes	Sen. Patricia Birkholz	reported by Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee
Michigan	SR 169	urge the inclusion of a ban on new oil and gas drilling beneath the Great Lakes in the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement; call for a study and assessment of the impact and risk from existing drilling operations on the Great Lakes	Sen. John Pappageorge	reported by Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee
Michigan	SR 173	express support for the lawsuit filed July 19, 2010, in federal court by the Michigan attorney general and four other Great Lakes states to halt the invasion of the Asian carp	Sen. Patricia Birkholz	adopted 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 1217	act to provide safe disposal of prescription drugs; create product stewardship program	Rep. Paul Gardner	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	HF 2290	create local grant program to acquire and manage aquatic management areas	Rep. John Persell	referred to Environment and Natural Resources Finance Division
Minnesota	HF 3124	change state aquaculture laws,, including new inspection rules and process for VHS-vulnerable species	Rep. David Dill	see SF 2900 ; Article 1
Minnesota	HF 3601	require invasive species training for commercial dock and boat lift installers	Rep. John Persell	see SF 2900 ; Article 1, Section 10
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 1568	act to provide safe disposal of prescription drugs; create product stewardship program	Sen. John Doll	substituted for HF 1217
Minnesota	SF 1892	develop minimal impact design standards for urban storm-water runoff	Sen. Satveer Chaudhary	see HF 2123 (signed into law)
Minnesota	SF 2046	create local grant program to acquire and manage aquatic management areas	Sen. Satveer Chaudhary	see HF 2700 ; Section 7, Subsection 6
Minnesota	SF 2900	change state aquaculture laws, including new inspection rules and process for VHS-vulnerable species	Sen. Satveer Chaudhary	veto
Minnesota	SF 2969	require invasive species training for commercial dock and boat lift installers	Rep. Mary Olson	see SF 2900 ; Article 1, Section 10 (vetoed)
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 beach owners, operators 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	AB 6363	provide regulatory authority to Department of Environmental Conservation for freshwater wetlands of one acre or more	Asm. Robert Sweeney	passed by Assembly
New York	AB 8806	change water withdrawal permitting process to allow Department of Environmental Conservation to better regulate use of water resources	Asm. Robert Sweeney	referred to Environmental Conservation Committee
New York	AB 8880	prohibit the application of pesticides in bodies of water that are used as a source of drinking water	Asm. Herman Farrell	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 848	provide regulatory authority to Department of Environmental Conservation for freshwater wetlands of one acre or more	Asm. Carl Marcellino	referred to Environmental Conservation 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	signed into law
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	prohibit discharge of chlorine compounds into navigable waters of the state by pulp and paper manufacturing concerns	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
Ohio	SB 27	establish requirements governing oceangoing vessels on the state waters of Lake Erie in order to control aquatic nuisance species	Sen. Dale Miller	referred to Environment and Natural Resources Committee
Ontario	Bill 13	sustain and encourage improvement in Ontario's water and wastewater services and establish Ontario Water Board	MPP David Caplan	first reading

Ontario	Bill 32	reserve a right of passage along the shoreline of the Great Lakes between the shoreline and high water mark	MPP Kim Craitor	first reading
Ontario	Bill 72	enact the Water Opportunities Act, 2010 and to amend other Acts in respect of water conservation and other matters	Hon. John Wilkinson (minister of environment)	first reading
Pennsylvania	HB 2342	authorize leasing of submerged lands within Erie County for possible construction and operation of utility-scale offshore wind energy generation facilities	Rep. John Hornamen	referred to State Government Committee
Pennsylvania	SB 86	create the Water and Sewer Systems Assistance Bond Fund	Sen. Ray Musto	re-referred to Appropriations Committee
Pennsylvania	SB 490	require rents and royalties from oil and gas leases to be used for conservation, recreation, dams and flood control	Sen. Mary Jo White	referred to State Government Committee
Pennsylvania	SB 524	update and expand county requirements for storm-water planning	Sen. Edwin Erickson	referred to Environmental Resources and Energy Committee
Pennsylvania	SB 777	strengthen state's Safe Drinking Water Act; establish new protections and minimum standards for wellhead areas and surface water intakes	Sen. Chuck McIlhinney	referred to Environmental Resources and Energy Committee
Pennsylvania	SB 1416	establish the Emergency Drinking Water Support Fund	Sen. Jay Costa	referred to Environmental Resources and Energy Committee
Pennsylvania	HR 324	urge creation of task force to study feasibility of implementing water resource restoration sponsorship program	Rep. Jaret Gibbons	referred to Environmental Resources and Energy Committee
Quebec	Public Bill 27	affirm collective nature of water resources and provide for increased water resource protection	Madam Line Beauchamp	passed and assented to
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	signed into law

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 Natural Resources Committee
Wisconsin	AB 844	establish standards and process for designating areas in state as groundwater management areas	Rep. Spencer Black	referred to Committee on Natural Resources
Wisconsin	AR 16	Urge, authorize attorney general to pursue legal means available to prevent Asian carp from entering Great Lakes	Rep. Jon Richards	adopted by Assembly
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
Wisconsin	SB 620	establish standards and process for designating areas in state as groundwater management areas	Sen. Mark Miller	referred to Environment Committee
Wisconsin	SR 8	urge and authorize attorney general to pursue every legal means available to prevent Asian carp from entering Great Lakes	Sen. Mark Miller	referred to Senate Organization Committee