



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB5268

Introduced 2/10/2026, by Rep. Robyn Gabel

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

615 ILCS 50/15 new

Amends the Level of Lake Michigan Act. Requires a municipality that receives water from Lake Michigan to use the revenue from the sale of the water from Lake Michigan for the operation and maintenance of the municipality's drinking water infrastructure. Requires a municipality that receives water from Lake Michigan to follow guidance published by the American Water Works Association when establishing the rates at which the municipality sells the water from Lake Michigan.

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1 AN ACT concerning waterways.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Level of Lake Michigan Act is amended by  
5 adding Section 15 as follows:

6 (615 ILCS 50/15 new)

7 Sec. 15. Sale of water from Lake Michigan by  
8 municipalities. A municipality that receives water from Lake  
9 Michigan shall use the revenue from the sale of the water from  
10 Lake Michigan for the operation and maintenance of the  
11 municipality's drinking water infrastructure.

12 A municipality that receives water from Lake Michigan  
13 shall follow guidance published by the American Water Works  
14 Association when establishing the rates at which the  
15 municipality sells the water from Lake Michigan.