



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6681

January Session, 2003

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF WATERSHED LANDS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 25-33k of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

3 No source of water supply shall be abandoned by a water company
4 without a permit from the Commissioner of Public Health. In his
5 decision the commissioner shall consider the water supply needs of the
6 water company and shall consult with the Commissioner of
7 Environmental Protection, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
8 Management and the Department of Public Utility Control. The
9 Commissioner of Public Health shall grant a permit upon a finding
10 that the source shall not be needed by such water company for present
11 or future water supply and, in the case of a water company required to
12 file a water supply plan under section 25-32d, that such abandonment
13 is consistent with a water supply plan filed and approved pursuant to
14 said section. No permit shall be granted if the [commissioner]
15 Commissioner of Public Health determines that the source would be
16 necessary for water supply by the company in an emergency or the
17 proposed abandonment would impair the ability of the company to
18 provide a pure, adequate and reliable water supply for present and
19 projected future customers. During any emergency declared by the
20 Governor, such waters may be used for potable or nonpotable
21 drinking water supplies. As used in this section, a future source of

22 water supply shall be considered to be any source of water supply
23 necessary to serve areas reasonably expected to require service by the
24 water company for a period of not more than fifty years after the date
25 of the application for a permit under this section.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*