



Senate

General Assembly

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Senate Bill No. 1085

Senate, April 14, 2005

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through SEN. COLEMAN of the 2nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING BUFFERS TO INLAND WETLANDS AREAS.

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Property required as a
2 buffer pursuant to any permit issued by an inland wetlands agency
3 under regulations adopted under section 22a-42a of the general
4 statutes shall be assessed at a value equal to the value of such property
5 if it were an inland wetland or watercourse area.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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PD Joint Favorable

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 06 \$	FY 07 \$
Policy & Mgmt., Off.	GF - See Below	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 06 \$	FY 07 \$
Various Municipalities	See Below	See Below	See Below

Explanation

To the extent that the bill results in certain property to be reassessed at a lower value, then a municipality will experience a reduction in their grand list.

To the extent that state owned properties might be assessed differently, a minimal fiscal impact may occur to some municipalities for the payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) for state owned property. Under current law, if appropriations are insufficient to fully fund the grant, reimbursements are reduced proportionately. Therefore, no additional costs will result to the state, but reimbursements to municipalities may minimally increase, or decrease, depending upon the change in the property tax assessment.

OLR Bill Analysis
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SUMMARY:

Under this bill, if a municipal inland wetland agency permit requires that land serve as a buffer (thereby subjecting it to development restrictions), the municipality must assess the land as though it were wetlands.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 18 Nay 0