



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5526**

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

**AN ACT CONCERNING COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS  
ON PROPERTY THAT CONTAINS CERTAIN WOODLANDS.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding any  
2 provision of the general statutes, the Commissioner of Environmental  
3 Protection shall establish a permitting program for any commercial or  
4 residential development project proposed on a parcel of property that  
5 contains two hundred acres or more of undeveloped woodlands. Such  
6 permitting program shall require any person who seeks to construct a  
7 commercial or residential development project on a parcel of property  
8 that contains two hundred acres or more of undeveloped woodlands  
9 to submit to the commissioner a statement of the environmental  
10 compatibility of such development project with the nature of such  
11 woodlands and all neighboring properties. Additionally, such  
12 applicant shall submit a statement to the commissioner indicating why  
13 such parcel of property is the most suitable parcel for such  
14 development project. Any person who seeks to construct a commercial  
15 or residential development project on a parcel of property that  
16 contains two hundred acres or more of undeveloped woodlands shall

17 obtain a permit from the commissioner prior to commencing any work  
18 on such development.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require a state issued permit prior to the construction of a commercial or residential development project on certain woodlands.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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