
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5068

AN ACT CREATING A REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF AN INLAND WETLANDS PERMIT FOR A DRY HYDRANT.

SUMMARY:

By law, municipal inland wetlands agencies have the authority to regulate dry hydrant installation in inland wetlands and watercourses.

Under this bill, an application for installing a dry hydrant for firefighting purposes in an inland wetlands or watercourse is presumed approved. The presumption can be rebutted by a finding that a feasible and prudent alternative access to a public water supply has a less adverse impact on the wetlands or watercourse.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011

BACKGROUND

Dry Hydrants

A dry hydrant is a permanent non-pressurized pipe system installed in a water source to provide a supply of water. Dry hydrants are often used for firefighting purposes in rural areas where fire hydrants are unavailable.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 26 Nay 0 (03/09/2011)