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LCO No. 2389



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING WATER QUALITY.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (g) of section 25-32 of the 2014 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

4 (g) (1) As used in this section, [(1)] (A) "water supply source"
5 includes all springs, streams, watercourses, brooks, rivers, lakes,
6 ponds, wells or underground waters from which water is taken, and
7 all springs, streams, watercourses, brooks, rivers, lakes, ponds, wells or
8 aquifer protection areas, as defined in section 22a-354h, thereto and all
9 lands drained thereby; [and (2)] (B) "watershed land" means land from
10 which water drains into a public drinking water supply; and (C)
11 "change in use" means a change or alteration in a land use activity that
12 is likely to cause or allow watershed lands to be used in a manner that
13 is inconsistent with the use of such land for public water supply
14 purposes and may negatively affect the purity and adequacy of the
15 public drinking water supply.

16 (2) Routine maintenance, repair or replacement of public water
17 supply system components that is (A) necessary for normal operation
18 of the public water system, and (B) undertaken by a water company
19 serving one thousand persons or more that has an approved water
20 supply plan in accordance with section 25-32d shall not be deemed to
21 be a change in use.

22 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) (a) The Department of Public
23 Health may use licensed water professionals, at the expense of the
24 party submitting the application or other request, to review and certify
25 the sufficiency of applications and other submittals to the department
26 for approval or to comply with any orders of the department, or
27 effectuate the department's discharge of the provisions of section 25-32
28 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and sections 25-33 and
29 25-34 of the general statutes. As used in this section "licensed water
30 professional" means any person who is qualified by reason of his or
31 her knowledge, as specified by the Department of Public Health, to
32 assist the department in carrying out the provisions of section 25-32 of
33 the general statutes, as amended by this act, and sections 25-33 and 25-
34 34 of the general statutes.

35 (b) The Department of Public Health shall identify activities that a
36 licensed water professional may perform as an agent of the
37 department or such applications or submittals that, upon filing by a
38 licensed water professional, require no further review and approval by
39 the department. For any other application or submittal, the department
40 shall notify the party, in writing, not later than fifteen days after
41 receipt of a request for a determination whether review and approval
42 of an application or submittal by the department is required, or
43 whether a licensed water professional may verify that the application
44 or submittal was prepared in accordance with standards established by
45 the department. In determining whether review and approval of the
46 application or submittal by the department is required, or whether a
47 licensed water professional may verify that the application or
48 submittal was prepared in accordance with the standards established

49 by the department, the department shall consider the potential risk to
50 public health and water quality posed by such application or
51 submittal.

52 (c) The Commissioner of Public Health may issue a water
53 professional license, for the purpose of performing the duties
54 described in subsection (a) of this section, upon receipt of a completed
55 application, on a form as prescribed by the commissioner. Any such
56 license shall be valid for a period of three years from the date of
57 issuance. Any such application shall require the submission of an
58 application fee, as established by the commissioner. The commissioner
59 may renew any such license for an additional three years upon receipt
60 of a completed renewal application, on a form prescribed by the
61 commissioner. Any such renewal application shall require the
62 submission of a renewal fee, as established by the commissioner.

63 (d) The Commissioner of Public Health may adopt regulations, in
64 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to
65 implement the provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	25-32(g)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To define a change in use as it relates to the use of land that may affect a public drinking water supply and to allow the Department of Public Health to issue licenses to certain water professionals.

[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.]