
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 342

AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF CERTAIN ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT SEPTIC SYSTEMS.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to allow the use of alternative treatment septic systems under the following three conditions:

1. the system replaces an existing failing septic system,
2. it will not enable further subdivision of the property, and
3. the number of bedrooms will not increase and there will be no improvements on the property.

An alternative treatment septic system consists of a sewage treatment system that uses a treatment method other than a subsurface sewage disposal system and involves a discharge to groundwater. DEEP is currently responsible for permitting all of these systems. The law requires the Department of Public Health to regulate and permit systems of up to 5,000 gallons, if it has appropriations to do so (CGS § 19a-35a). To date, no such regulations have been adopted.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2018

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 30 Nay 0 (03/22/2018)