



Senate

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 342

Senate, April 5, 2018

The Committee on Environment reported through SEN. KENNEDY of the 12th Dist. and SEN. MINER of the 30th Dist., Chairpersons of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

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

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2018*) Notwithstanding any
2 provision of the Public Health Code or title 19a, 22a or 25 of the
3 general statutes, the Department of Energy and Environmental
4 Protection shall authorize the use of alternative treatment septic
5 systems if the use of such system: (1) Replaces an existing failing septic
6 system, (2) does not allow for the further subdivision of the subject
7 property, and (3) does not result in an increase in the number of
8 bedrooms for any dwelling or improvement upon such subject
9 property.

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

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	New section
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The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 19 \$	FY 20 \$
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	GF - Revenue Gain	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to allow for the use of alternative treatment septic systems under certain conditions.¹

Expanding the use of alternative treatment septic systems is anticipated to result in a minimal revenue gain associated with increased issuance of general permits for this purpose.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of general permits issued.

¹ An alternative treatment septic system consists of a sewage treatment system that uses a method of treatment other than a subsurface sewage disposal system and involves a discharge to groundwater.

OLR Bill Analysis

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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)