
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 6541

AN ACT CONCERNING THE VALIDITY OF INLAND WETLANDS PERMITS IN RELATION TO CERTAIN OTHER LAND USE APPROVALS.

SUMMARY

This bill delays the effective date of municipal inland wetlands permits to coincide with the effective period of related local land use approvals (e.g., special permits, zoning variances, site plans, subdivision plans). Under the bill, if the inland wetlands permit is just one of the local land use approvals required to develop a property, the wetlands permit does not take effect until the other local approvals are effective.

By law, unchanged by the bill, inland wetlands permits are valid for the same length of time as the other land use approvals issued for the development, up to a maximum of 10 years.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective July 1, 2021, and applicable to permits issued on or after that date.

BACKGROUND

Related Bill

SB 970, favorably reported by the Planning and Development Committee, gives developers more time to complete an ongoing project without seeking reapproval by extending the initial and extended deadlines for completing projects that require certain subdivision, wetlands, or site plan approval.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 26 Nay 0 (03/21/2021)

