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AN ACT CONCERNING ZONING AUTHORITY, CERTAIN DESIGN GUIDELINES, QUALIFICATIONS OF ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND CERTAIN SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Public Health, Dept.	GF - Cost	See Below	See Below
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	GF - Potential Savings	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Various Municipalities	Potential Cost	See Below	See Below
Various Municipalities	Potential Savings	See Below	See Below

Explanation

The bill makes various zoning regulation changes, shifts jurisdiction of the regulation of certain sewage systems from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to the Department of Public Health (DPH), and makes changes to fees charged by municipalities to third parties.

The bill results in a potential savings to municipalities from permitting towns to charge reasonable fees for technical consulting related to the zoning applications. The bill also results in a potential cost from prohibiting municipalities from setting higher fee schedules

for certain zoning appeals.

The bill also results in a potential cost to the DPH and a corresponding savings to DEEP from shifting jurisdiction of certain sewer systems. DPH may incur additional staffing costs and other expenses from regulating these systems.

The bill also requires the Office of Policy and Management to convene a working group to establish guidelines for certain building characteristics. This provision does not result in a fiscal impact.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of zoning appeals and the fees recovered for technical consultants.