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AN ACT CONCERNING RIPARIAN AREAS.

## ***OFA Fiscal Note***

### ***State Impact:***

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	GF - Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

### ***Municipal Impact:***

Municipalities	Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Various Municipalities	Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

## ***Explanation***

The bill expands the authority of municipal inland wetlands agencies and the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to regulate activities in the riparian area. This results in a potential cost to DEEP and municipalities as the area requiring regulation and enforcement is expanded. The potential cost is unknown and would vary by location as well as the riparian areas activity proposals and enforcement actions.

The bill makes other procedural changes to DEEP that are not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact as DEEP has the staff and expertise necessary to implement the changes.

## ***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

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