



General Assembly

January Session, 2025

**Committee Bill No. 6224**

LCO No. 5386



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

***AN ACT CONCERNING WATER SUPPLIES AND THE WATER  
TREATMENT OPERATOR WORKFORCE.***

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

1       Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Energy and  
2       Environmental Protection shall develop a plan to: (1) Improve the dam  
3       permitting process by expanding the activities that may be undertaken  
4       pursuant to the three existing general permits; (2) enhance the  
5       preapplication and intake process to ensure that all parties have a  
6       thorough understanding of the project scope, regulatory requirements  
7       and timeline; (3) prioritize permit review based on dam classification  
8       and dam function; (4) work with water utilities to address concerns  
9       regarding the administration of the state Department of  
10      Transportation's encroachment permit process that imposes liability on  
11      public water suppliers for work performed by outside contractors  
12      within the state's rights-of-way; and (5) provide incentives for attracting  
13      and retaining water treatment facility operators. Not later than February  
14      1, 2026, the commissioner, in accordance with the provisions of section  
15      11-4a of the general statutes, shall submit such plan and any attendant  
16      legislative recommendations to the joint standing committee of the  
17      General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the

18 environment.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To improve water supplies and add qualified and certified water treatment operators to address workforce shortages.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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