



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6249

January Session, 2025



AN ACT LIMITING APPEALS UNDER THE CONNECTICUT ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT.

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

1 Section 1. Section 22a-19 of the general statutes is amended by adding
2 subsection (c) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

3 (NEW) (c) In any judicial review of any administrative, licensing or
4 other proceeding for a residential building permit application, at the
5 request of any party to such judicial review, not more than thirty days
6 after the filing of such a request, the court shall hold an expedited
7 hearing at which any and all parties intervening pursuant to this section
8 shall make a prima facie showing that the unreasonable pollution
9 alleged pursuant to subsection (a) of this section is reasonably likely to
10 occur. The court shall determine whether the intervenor has made a
11 prima facie showing as soon as is practicable. If the intervenor cannot
12 make a prima facie showing that the conduct that is the subject of
13 judicial review has, or is reasonably likely to have, the effect of
14 unreasonably polluting, impairing or destroying the public trust in the
15 air, water or other natural resources of the state, such matter shall be
16 subject to dismissal. For the purposes of this subsection, (1) "residential
17 building permit application" means any building permit application
18 submitted in connection with the proposed construction or renovation
19 of a structure that contains one or more dwelling units, and (2) "dwelling

20 unit" has the same meaning as provided in section 47a-1.

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

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	22a-19(c)
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