



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 6830***

LCO No. 3540



Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:  
(PD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING TRAINING FOR MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES  
OF INLAND WETLANDS AGENCIES.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 22a-42 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
3 *1, 2025*):

4 (d) [At least one member of the inland wetlands agency or staff of the  
5 agency shall be a person who has completed] (1) On and after January  
6 1, 2026, each member of and staff person employed by an inland  
7 wetlands agency shall complete the comprehensive training program  
8 developed by the commissioner pursuant to section 22a-39. [Failure to  
9 have a member of the agency or staff with training shall not affect the  
10 validity of any action of the agency.]

11 (2) Any such member or staff person serving on or employed by any  
12 such agency as of January 1, 2026, shall complete such training program  
13 (A) by January 1, 2027, and (B) once every four years thereafter, except  
14 that any such member may complete such subsequent training program  
15 once every four years thereafter or once every term for which such

16 member is elected or appointed, if such term is longer than four years.

17 (3) Any such member or staff person not serving on or employed by  
18 any such agency as of January 1, 2026, shall complete such training  
19 program (A) not later than one year after such member's election or  
20 appointment or such staff person's hiring, and (B) once every four years  
21 thereafter, except that any such member may complete such subsequent  
22 training program once every four years thereafter or once every term for  
23 which such member is elected or appointed, if such term is longer than  
24 four years.

25 (4) The commissioner shall [annually] make such training program  
26 available [to one person from each town without cost to that person or  
27 the town. Each inland wetlands agency shall hold a meeting at least once  
28 annually at which information is presented to the members of the  
29 agency which summarizes the provisions of the training program] on  
30 the Internet web site of the Department of Energy and Environmental  
31 Protection to members of and staff employed by inland wetlands  
32 agencies. The commissioner shall develop such [information] training  
33 program in consultation with interested persons affected by the  
34 regulation of inland wetlands. [and shall provide for distribution of  
35 video presentations and related written materials which convey such  
36 information to inland wetlands agencies.] In addition to [such materials]  
37 developing such training program, the commissioner, in consultation  
38 with such interested persons, shall prepare materials [which] that  
39 provide guidance to municipalities in carrying out the provisions of  
40 subsection (f) of section 22a-42a.

41 (5) Not later than March 1, 2027, and annually thereafter, each inland  
42 wetlands agency shall submit a statement to the legislative body or  
43 board of selectmen of the municipality in which such agency sits,  
44 affirming compliance with the training requirement established  
45 pursuant to this section by each member of and staff person employed  
46 by such agency who was required to complete such training in the  
47 calendar year ending the preceding December thirty-first.

48     (6) The failure of any member or staff person to complete such  
49     training shall not affect the validity of any action of an inland wetlands  
50     agency.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2025	22a-42(d)

***Statement of Purpose:***

To require the completion of an online training program by members and staff of inland wetlands agencies.

*[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.]*