



General Assembly

January Session, 2025

**Substitute Bill No. 6830**



**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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  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 term for which such member is elected or appointed, if such  
16 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 term for which such member is elected or  
23 appointed, if such term is longer than four years.

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

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

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	22a-42(d)
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***Statement of Legislative Commissioners:***

In Sections 1(d)(2)(B) and 1(d)(3)(B), "every four years thereafter or once" was deleted for clarity.

***PD***      *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*