



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 58

LCO No. 4859



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT AUTHORIZING RESIDENTS LIVING IN A FLOOD ZONE TO LAY UP TO TEN THOUSAND CUBIC YARDS OF LANDSCAPE FILL PER YEAR IN THEIR YARD AND ESTABLISHING A TAX DEDUCTION FOR THE COSTS OF SUCH FILL AND A GRANT PROGRAM FOR ROAD RAISING.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) Notwithstanding any
2 provision of the general statutes, the Department of Energy and
3 Environmental Protection shall establish a permit that authorizes any
4 resident living in a flood zone to lay up to ten thousand cubic yards of
5 landscaping fill around the foundation of such resident's dwelling per
6 year.

7 (b) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may
8 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the
9 general statutes, to implement the provisions of this section.

10 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) Notwithstanding any
11 provision of the general statutes, the Department of Revenue Services
12 shall establish an income tax deduction for the cost of installing
13 landscaping fill, as described in section 1 of this act.

14 (b) The Commissioner of Revenue Services may adopt regulations, in
15 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to
16 implement the provisions of this section.

17 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) Notwithstanding any
18 provision of the general statutes, the Department of Transportation shall
19 establish a grant program for road raising to support climate resiliency,
20 that provides grants to municipalities for climate resiliency projects that
21 also meet the requirements for local capital improvement projects.

22 (b) The Commissioner of Transportation may adopt regulations, in
23 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to
24 implement the provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To authorize the placement of landscape fill in flood zones and create a tax deduction for such flood prevention measures as well as a grant program for road raising municipalities climate resiliency efforts by municipalities.

[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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