



Substitute House Bill No. 5334

Public Act No. 26-61

AN ACT CONCERNING RIPARIAN AREAS.

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

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall utilize any state funds made available to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, for the purpose of the preservation of riparian areas to hire an employee to conduct training for inland wetland commissions on matters pertaining to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Act, including, but not limited to, the preservation of riparian areas.