

Public Act 25-97 Section. 49

Sec. 49. (Effective from passage) (a) There is established a working group to assess and provide recommendations regarding (1) regulatory requirements concerning sewage disposal, including, but not limited to, nitrogen discharge limits and their impact on the development of housing, public health and the environment, and (2) balancing the costs associated with the development of housing and a risk-based approach to protecting public health and the environment.

(b) The working group may include, but need not be limited to, the Commissioners of Public Health, Energy and Environmental Protection and Housing, or said commissioners' designees, the chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health and the following members, who shall be appointed by such chairpersons and ranking members:

(1) A representative of a residential construction trade association in the state;

(2) A representative of an association representing municipal planners in the state;

(3) A representative of a local health department or district department of health that includes an area with land in a coastal boundary, as described in section 22a-94 of the general statutes;

(4) A representative of a local health department that includes an area upland of inland wetlands or inland watercourses regulated by a

municipality pursuant to sections 22a-42 and 22a-42a of the general statutes;

(5) A representative of a local health department with no land in a coastal boundary, as described in section 22-94a of the general statutes, or an upland review area;

(6) A representative of an association representing septic system installers in the state;

(7) A representative of an association representing professional engineers in the state;

(8) An expert in coastal environmental science;

(9) An expert in wetland and soil science;

(10) An expert in environmental justice;

(11) A residential building developer with experience in developing in an area with land in a coastal boundary, as described in section 22a-94 of the general statutes; and

(12) A residential building developer with experience in developing in an area with no land in a coastal boundary, as described in section 22a-94 of the general statutes.

(c) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health shall select the chairperson of the working

group from among the members of the working group. Such chairperson shall schedule the first meeting of the working group, which shall be held not later than June 30, 2025.

(d) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health shall serve as administrative staff of the working group.

(e) Not later than February 1, 2026, the chairperson of the working group shall submit a report to the Commissioner of Public Health and the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health, the environment and housing regarding such assessment and recommendations.