



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 449**

LCO No. 2735



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF CERTAIN ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT SEPTIC SYSTEMS.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2020*) (a) Notwithstanding any  
2 provision of the Public Health Code or title 19a, 22a or 25 of the general  
3 statutes, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection shall  
4 authorize the use of alternative treatment septic systems if the use of  
5 such system: (1) Replaces an existing failing septic system, (2) does not  
6 allow for the further subdivision of the subject property, (3) does not  
7 result in an increase in the number of bedrooms for any dwelling or  
8 improvement upon such subject property, and (4) the Commissioner of  
9 Energy and Environmental Protection determines that for any such  
10 system that such use presents an environmentally responsible  
11 alternative and that the requisite maintenance for such system is feasible  
12 for the subject user.

13 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, the Commissioner  
14 of Energy and Environmental Protection may authorize the use of an  
15 alternative treatment septic system for a commercial property or multi-

16 unit dwelling development if one or more of the requirements of  
17 subsection (a) of this section is not met but the commissioner determines  
18 that (1) such use is the most environmentally responsible solution for a  
19 subject user, (2) the requisite maintenance for such system will be  
20 undertaken by the subject user, and (3) such use will not result in the  
21 development of the subject property in a manner that could not occur  
22 without such use.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |                 |             |
| Section 1   | October 1, 2020 | New section |

**Statement of Purpose:**

To authorize the use of alternate sewage treatment systems under certain conditions.

*[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.]*