

## Department of Planning and Budget 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB2839

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron** Hall

**3. Committee** General Laws

**4. Title** Board for Soil Scientists and Wetland Professionals; requirements for professional wetland delineator certification.

**5. Summary/Purpose:** This bill extends the waiver of the requirement for a reference from, and supervision by, a certified professional wetland delineator from July 13, 2006, to July 13, 2010. The bill has an emergency provision.

**6. No Fiscal Impact**

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal implications:** There is no fiscal impact from this bill.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** The Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No.

**11. Other comments:** The existing statute states the required experience to qualify for examination must be obtained under a certified professional wetland delineator – except during a two-year waiver period that expired July 13, 2006. However, the least amount of experience required to qualify to sit for the exam is four years (the most is six years). Therefore, since the waiver period expired, no one is able to qualify for the exam for at least two years – the earliest time would be July 2008, and for others, July 2010.

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