

Judiciary Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-5400
AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRESERVATION OF STONE WALLS IN THE
Title: STATE.
Vote Date: 4/19/2023
Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute
PH Date: 2/15/2023
File No.: 262

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Environment Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

See Environment Committee JF report.

SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE:

The substitute language adds a new sentence in line 3, after "wall": "For the purposes of this section, where a stone wall sits upon or forms a boundary line between 2 parcels, the owners of each parcel shall be considered the owners of said wall." The substitute language also changes the bill to state that if the wall is used to divide two properties, it belongs to both property owners. The language makes a change to state that numerous stones must be taken, it changes the crime to a class D misdemeanor, and it removes the permission for the civil action section.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

See Environment Committee JF report.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

See Environment Committee JF report.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

See Environment Committee JF report.

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