



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 1002

File No. 429

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER  
CERTIFICATION."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 8-19a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

5 Any municipality, in addition to such powers as it has under the  
6 provisions of the general statutes or any special act, shall have the power  
7 to provide by ordinance for the appointment or election of alternate  
8 members to its planning commission. Such alternate members shall be  
9 electors, and, when seated as herein provided, have all the powers and  
10 duties set forth in the general statutes or any special act relating to such  
11 municipality for such commission and its members. Such alternate  
12 members [shall be electors and shall not be members of the zoning

13 commission or zoning board of appeals. Such alternates] may attend all  
14 meetings and executive sessions of said commission. Any alternate  
15 member who also serves or served on the zoning commission or zoning  
16 board of appeals in such municipality shall recuse himself or herself  
17 from participation in any appeal before the zoning board of appeals  
18 from a decision of the planning commission if such alternate member  
19 participated in such decision. Such ordinance shall provide for the  
20 manner of designating alternates to act.

21 Sec. 502. Subsection (a) of section 8-4c of the general statutes is  
22 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
23 *1, 2023*):

24 (a) On and after January 1, 2023, each member of a municipal  
25 planning commission, zoning commission, combined planning and  
26 zoning commission [and] or zoning board of appeals, except for a  
27 member of any such commission or board that is a licensed attorney-at-  
28 law of this state with four or more years of experience on any such  
29 commission or board, or a land use enforcement officer, shall complete  
30 at least four hours of training. Any such member serving on any such  
31 commission or board as of January 1, 2023, shall complete such initial  
32 training by January 1, 2024, and shall complete any subsequent training  
33 once every [other year thereafter] four years thereafter or once every  
34 term for which such member is elected or appointed if such term is  
35 longer than four years. Any such member not serving on any such  
36 commission or board as of January 1, 2023, shall complete such initial  
37 training not later than one year after such member's election or  
38 appointment to such commission or board and shall complete any  
39 subsequent training once every [other year thereafter] four years  
40 thereafter or once every term for which such member is elected or  
41 appointed if such term is longer than four years. Such training shall  
42 include at least one hour concerning affordable and fair housing policies  
43 and may also consist of (1) process and procedural matters, including  
44 the conduct of effective meetings and public hearings and the Freedom  
45 of Information Act, as defined in section 1-200, (2) the interpretation of  
46 site plans, surveys, maps and architectural conventions, and (3) the

47 impact of zoning on the environment, agriculture and historic  
48 resources."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	8-19a
Sec. 502	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	8-4c(a)