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Currently, municipalities have no means to enforce the regulations on the books. This law gives them a way to pay costs of prosecution without using taxpayer money. It also gives them the power to collect any monetary penalties they may impose. The shoreland zone is protected by allowing municipal, state and DEP regulations to be enforced.

However, developers may be more willing to adhere to all regulations and thereby incur additional expense. This will either raise housing costs or cause homes not to be built at all which will have an adverse impact on tradespeople's livelihoods.

In consideration of the above, I recommend approval of this law because a law without penalty or a way to enforce it is only a suggestion.