



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 329

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 1381

Senate, April 18, 2001

The Committee on Environment reported through SEN. WILLIAMS of the 29th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING INDIAN COMPACTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS.

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

1 Section 3-6c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is
2 substituted in lieu thereof:

3 Within ten days after the date of execution of any compact or
4 amendment to a compact between the state of Connecticut and another
5 state or an Indian tribe, the Governor shall file such compact or
6 amendment with the clerks of the House of Representatives and the
7 Senate. Any gaming compact executed on or after the effective date of
8 this act shall include recognition of all regulations adopted by the
9 Department of Environmental Protection regarding any construction,
10 expansion, alteration, and maintenance of facilities that contain,
11 support or relate in any way to gaming activities. The General
12 Assembly may approve such compact or amendment, in whole, by a
13 majority vote of each house or may reject such compact or amendment,

14 in whole, by a majority vote of either house. If rejected, the compact or
15 amendment shall not be valid and shall not be implemented. The
16 compact or amendment shall be deemed rejected if the General
17 Assembly fails to vote to approve or reject the compact or amendment
18 (1) prior to the adjournment of the regular session of the General
19 Assembly during which such compact or amendment is filed, (2) prior
20 to the adjournment of the regular session of the General Assembly first
21 following the date on which such compact or amendment is filed if the
22 General Assembly is not in regular session on such date or (3) prior to
23 the adjournment of a special session convened before the next regular
24 session of the General Assembly for the purpose of considering such
25 compact or amendment if the General Assembly is not in regular
26 session on the date on which such compact or amendment is filed,
27 provided, if the compact or amendment is filed less than thirty days
28 before the end of a regular session, the General Assembly may vote to
29 approve or reject the compact or amendment (A) within thirty days
30 after the first day of a special session convened before the next regular
31 session of the General Assembly for the purpose of considering such
32 compact or amendment, or (B) within thirty days after the first day of
33 the next regular session of the General Assembly.

ENV **JOINT FAVORABLE SUBST.**

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: See Explanation Below

Affected Agencies: Department of Environmental Protection

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

State Impact:

To the extent that this legislation will result in additional oversight/permitting by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), it is anticipated that the increased workload would be offset by permit fees. These fees are deposited into the Environmental Quality Fund of the DEP and fund agency programs.

OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 1381

AN ACT CONCERNING INDIAN COMPACTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS.

SUMMARY:

This bill requires new gaming compacts between the state and other states or Indian tribes to consider all Department of Environmental Protection rules and regulations concerning the construction, expansion, alteration or upkeep of facilities that relate in any way to gaming activities. DEP regulates air and water quality, as well as such things as river and stream diversion.

The governor continues to have the authority to enter into these compacts with the legislature's approval.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2001

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 28 Nay 0