



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 6247**

LCO No. 4974

Referred to Committee on Planning and Development

Introduced by:  
(PD)

**AN ACT CONCERNING TELECOMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT  
CABINETS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 16-235 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 Except as provided in section 16-243, the selectmen of any town, the  
4 common council of any city and the warden and burgesses of any  
5 borough shall, subject to the provisions of section 16-234, within their  
6 respective jurisdictions, have full direction and control over the  
7 placing, erection and maintenance of any such wires, conductors,  
8 fixtures, structures or apparatus, including the relocation or removal of  
9 the same and the power of designating the kind, quality and finish  
10 thereof, but no authority granted to any city or borough or a town  
11 planning, zoning, inland wetland, historic district, building, gas, water  
12 or electrical board, commission or committee created under authority  
13 of the general statutes or by virtue of any special act, shall be  
14 construed to apply to so much of the operations, plant, building,  
15 structures or equipment of any public service company as is under the  
16 jurisdiction of the Department of Public Utility Control, or the

17 Connecticut Siting Council, but zoning commissions and inland  
18 wetland agencies may, within their respective municipalities, regulate  
19 and restrict the proposed location of any steam plant, gas plant, gas  
20 tank or holder, water tank, electric substation, antenna, tower or earth  
21 station receiver of any public service company not subject to the  
22 jurisdiction of the Connecticut Siting Council. Any local body  
23 mentioned in this section and the appellate body, if any, may make all  
24 orders necessary to the exercise of such power, direction or control,  
25 which orders shall be made within thirty days of any application and  
26 shall be in writing and recorded in the records of their respective  
27 communities, and written notice of any order shall be given to each  
28 party affected thereby. Each such order shall be subject to the right of  
29 appeal within thirty days from the giving of such notice by any party  
30 aggrieved to the Department of Public Utility Control, which, after  
31 rehearing, upon notice to all parties in interest, shall as speedily as  
32 possible determine the matter in question and shall have jurisdiction to  
33 affirm or modify or revoke such orders or make any orders in  
34 substitution thereof. A local zoning commission shall have jurisdiction  
35 over the siting of a back-up generator mounted on the ground that is  
36 part of a telecommunications system.

37 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.

**PD**      *Joint Favorable*