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LCO No. 3103

Referred to Committee on Planning and Development

Introduced by:
(PD)

AN ACT CONCERNING PROTECTION OF RURAL CHARACTER.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (a) On or before January first, annually, the
2 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall determine the
3 amount due, as a state grant in lieu of taxes, to each municipality (1)
4 that is designated on the state plan of conservation and development,
5 adopted pursuant to sections 16a-24 to 16a-33, inclusive, of the general
6 statutes, as rural and has less than five per cent of its total land area
7 designated as a growth area or as a neighborhood conservation area,
8 and (2) that has prepared and placed into effect a land use
9 management plan the secretary determines will perpetuate and protect
10 the rural character.

11 (b) The grant payable to any municipality in the state fiscal year
12 commencing July 1, 2002, and each fiscal year thereafter, shall be in an
13 amount as follows: Eight per cent of the total tax levied on real
14 property in any municipality in which the equalized net grand list is
15 below the average for the state. No payment to a municipality during a
16 state fiscal year shall exceed four hundred thousand dollars.

17 (c) As used in this section, "municipality" means any town,
18 consolidated town and city, consolidated town and borough, borough,
19 district, as defined in section 7-324 of the general statutes, and any city
20 not consolidated with a town.

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22 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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Statement of Purpose:

To provide funds to small towns.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]