



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 234**

February Session, 2002

House Bill No. 5664

*House of Representatives, March 28, 2002*

The Committee on Environment reported through REP. STRATTON of the 17th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC SAFETY AND RESOURCE PROTECTION AT CANDLEWOOD LAKE.**

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2002*) The Commissioner of  
2 Environmental Protection shall adopt regulations, in accordance with  
3 chapter 54 of the general statutes, concerning public safety and natural  
4 resource protection at Candlewood Lake, including, but not limited to,  
5 preservation of water quality, collection of fees for surrounding  
6 infrastructure maintenance and improvements and overcrowding.

This act shall take effect as follows:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2002</i>
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**ENV**      *Joint Favorable*

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

<b>Fund-Type</b>	<b>Agency Affected</b>	<b>FY 03 \$</b>
GF - Cost	Department of Environmental Protection	50,000-75,000

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:**

<b>Effect</b>	<b>Municipalities</b>	<b>FY 03 \$</b>
Cost	Danbury; Brookfield; New Fairfield; New Milford; Sherman	Minimal

**Explanation**

It is estimated that requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to adopt regulations concerning the safety and natural resource protection at Candlewood Lake, including but not limited to, preservation of water quality, collection of fees for surrounding infrastructure, maintenance and improvements and overcrowding will require additional resources of \$50,000 to \$75,000 or divert agency staff and expense resources away from current programs and duties. It is anticipated that adopting these regulations will require continuous outreach, discussion and hearings. This process could increase costs to Danbury, Brookfield, New Fairfield, New Milford and Sherman. It is anticipated these costs would be minimal and within resources.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the environmental protection commissioner to adopt regulations concerning public safety and natural resource protection at Candlewood Lake. This includes preserving water quality, collecting fees for surrounding infrastructure maintenance and improvements, and overcrowding.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2002

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Report

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