



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5095

LCO No. 579

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) (*Effective July 1, 2002*) (a) On or before January
2 first, annually, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management
3 shall determine the amount due, as a state grant in lieu of taxes, to
4 each municipality (1) that is designated on the state plan of
5 conservation and development, adopted pursuant to sections 16a-24 to
6 16a-33, inclusive, of the general statutes, as rural and has less than five
7 per cent of its total land area designated as a growth area or as a
8 neighborhood conservation area, and (2) that has prepared and placed
9 into effect a land use management plan the secretary determines will
10 perpetuate and protect the rural character of the municipality.

11 (b) The grant payable to any municipality in the state for the fiscal
12 year commencing July 1, 2003, and each fiscal year thereafter, shall be
13 in an amount as follows: (1) In the case of municipalities with an
14 average per capita income not greater than one hundred twenty-five
15 per cent of the average per capita income of the state, not less than
16 three hundred thousand dollars, and (2) in the case of municipalities
17 with an average per capita income of more than one hundred twenty-

18 five per cent but less than one hundred seventy-five per cent of the per
19 capita income of the state, not more than two hundred thousand
20 dollars.

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

This act shall take effect as follows:	
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Statement of Purpose:

To provide revenue to small towns in the state that are rural.

[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.]