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Committee Bill No. 5211

LCO No. 2473

Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING REIMBURSEMENT LIMITS FROM THE UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK PETROLEUM CLEAN-UP ACCOUNT.

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (2) of subsection (a) section 22a-449c of the
2 general statutes, as amended by section 37 of public act 01-9 of the June
3 special session, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
4 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2002*):

5 (2) The account shall be used by the Commissioner of
6 Environmental Protection to provide money for reimbursement or
7 payment pursuant to section 22a-449f to responsible parties or parties
8 supplying goods or services, or both, to responsible parties for costs,
9 expenses and other obligations paid or incurred, as the case may be, as
10 a result of releases, and suspected releases, costs of investigation of
11 releases and suspected releases, and third party claims for bodily
12 injury, property damage and damage to natural resources.
13 Notwithstanding the provisions of this section regarding
14 reimbursements of parties pursuant to section 22a-449f, the responsible
15 party for a release shall bear all costs of the release that are less than

16 ten thousand dollars or more than one million dollars, except that for
17 any such release which was reported to the department prior to
18 December 31, 1987, and for which more than five hundred thousand
19 dollars has been expended by the responsible party to remediate such
20 release prior to June 19, 1991, the responsible party for the release shall
21 bear all costs of such release which are less than ten thousand dollars
22 or more than [three] four million dollars. There shall be allocated to the
23 department annually, for administrative costs, two million dollars.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2002</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To increase the reimbursement limit from the underground storage tank petroleum clean-up account for costs incurred in connection with any release reported to the Department of Environmental Protection prior to December 31, 1987, and for which the responsible parties have expended more than five hundred thousand dollars for remediation prior to June 19, 1991.

[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.]

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