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"AN ACT REQUIRING REDUCTION IN GLARE AND LIGHT POLLUTION FROM PRIVATE AREA FLOODLIGHTING LOCATED WITHIN THE STATE RIGHT-OF-WAY."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a
4 Commission to Study the Extent, Causes and Consequences of Light
5 Pollution in Connecticut.

6 (b) The commission shall consist of the following members:

7 (1) Four appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,

8 one of whom shall be a member of the General Assembly, one of
9 whom shall represent science educators at the secondary school level,
10 and two of whom shall represent environmental organizations;

11 (2) Four appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one
12 of whom shall be a member of the General Assembly, one of whom
13 shall represent municipal governments, and two of whom shall
14 represent the Connecticut Dark Sky Association;

15 (3) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of
16 Representatives, one of whom shall be a member of the General
17 Assembly and one of whom shall represent an electric distribution
18 company, as defined in section 16-1 of the general statutes, as
19 amended, which has seven hundred fifty thousand or more customers;

20 (4) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, one of
21 whom shall be a member of the General Assembly and one of whom
22 shall represent an electric distribution company, as defined in section
23 16-1 of the general statutes, as amended, which has less than seven
24 hundred fifty thousand customers;

25 (5) Five appointed by the Governor, one each of whom shall
26 represent the professional astronomy community of the state, the
27 amateur astronomy community of the state, the Illuminating
28 Engineering Society of North America, the National Electrical
29 Manufacturers Association, and state or municipal law enforcement;

30 (6) One appointed by the Commissioner of Environmental
31 Protection, who shall be an employee of the Department of
32 Environmental Protection;

33 (7) One appointed by the chairperson of the Public Utilities Control
34 Authority, who shall be an employee of the authority;

35 (8) One appointed by the Commissioner of Transportation, who
36 shall be an employee of the Department of Transportation;

37 (9) One appointed by the Commissioner of Public Works, who shall

38 be an employee of the Department of Public Works;

39 (10) One appointed by the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board,
40 who shall represent the board; and

41 (11) One appointed by the Connecticut Energy Conservation Board,
42 who shall represent the board.

43 (c) All appointments to the commission shall be made no later than
44 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
45 filled by the appointing authority. The members of the commission
46 shall serve without compensation. The commission shall elect a
47 chairperson from its membership.

48 (d) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
49 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
50 government administration shall serve as administrative staff of the
51 commission.

52 (e) The commission shall:

53 (1) Study and document the sources of light pollution in
54 Connecticut;

55 (2) Study and document the consequences of light pollution in
56 Connecticut, including its impact on driving safety, nocturnal fauna,
57 astronomical research and observation, the natural beauty of the night
58 sky, and such other consequences the commission determines are
59 appropriate for its attention;

60 (3) Survey and document the technology and standards currently
61 available to minimize light pollution;

62 (4) Study outdoor lighting on the grounds of state buildings and
63 facilities and make recommendations for installing or replacing
64 outdoor luminaries at such locations to reduce light pollution, glare
65 and light trespass and reduce the state's costs associated with outdoor
66 lighting;

67 (5) Estimate the potential costs and savings in the state, including
68 the potential impact on the budgets of municipalities, associated with
69 the adoption of lighting practices that minimize light pollution while
70 meeting important illumination and safety lighting requirements;

71 (6) Prepare recommendations for public and private action to
72 minimize light pollution in Connecticut, including, but not limited to,
73 appropriate legislation and regulation for consideration by the General
74 Assembly and municipalities; and

75 (7) Make recommendations for documenting the state's progress in
76 reducing light pollution, restoring the night sky, and reducing
77 electricity use and public expense.

78 (f) Not later than January 8, 2003, the commission shall submit a
79 preliminary report on its findings and recommendations to the
80 General Assembly, and not later than December 1, 2003, the
81 commission shall submit a final report on its findings and
82 recommendations to the General Assembly. Said reports shall be
83 submitted in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
84 general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
85 submits the final report or December 1, 2003, whichever is earlier."

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	from passage