



General Assembly

February Session, 2002

Amendment

LCO No. 3950

HB0571803950HDO

Offered by:

REP. STRATTON, 17th Dist.
REP. GREENE, 105th Dist.
REP. FELTMAN, 6th Dist.
REP. MANTILLA, 4th Dist.
REP. MARTINEZ, 95th Dist.

REP. WALKER, 93rd Dist.
REP. CARTER, 7th Dist.
REP. KIRKLEY-BEY, 5th Dist.
REP. MEGNA, 97th Dist.

To: Subst. House Bill No. 5718

File No. 267

Cal. No. 166

**"AN ACT CONCERNING THIRD-PARTY LIABILITY FOR
CONTAMINATED PROPERTY AND MINOR REVISIONS TO
ENVIRONMENTAL STATUTES."**

1 After line 167, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2002*) (a) The Connecticut
3 Resources Recovery Authority, the Connecticut Siting Council, the
4 Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Motor
5 Vehicles, the Department of Public Utility Control, the Department of
6 Public Works and the Department of Transportation shall develop and
7 implement, in cooperation with the Commission on Human Rights
8 and Opportunities, an environmental justice action plan that commits
9 each such authority, council or department to a program of
10 environmental justice in all aspects of programs and policies. Such
11 plan shall be developed to ensure that environmental justice action is

12 undertaken as required by state and federal law to provide equal
13 environmental protections to all racial, ethnic, and social populations
14 in this state. The executive head of each authority, council or
15 department shall be directly responsible for the development, filing
16 and implementation of such environmental justice action plan.

17 (b) Each authority, council or department shall designate a full-time
18 or a part-time environmental justice compliance officer. If such
19 environmental justice compliance officer is an employee of the
20 authority, council or department, the executive head of the authority,
21 council or department shall be directly responsible for the supervision
22 of the officer. The Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities
23 shall provide training and technical assistance to environmental justice
24 compliance officers in plan development and implementation.

25 (c) Each authority, council or department shall file an environmental
26 justice action plan developed in accordance with subsection (a) of this
27 section with the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities,
28 semiannually, except that any authority, council or department that
29 has an environmental justice action plan approved by the commission
30 may be permitted to file its plan on an annual basis in a manner
31 prescribed by the commission.

32 (d) The Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities shall
33 review and formally approve or disapprove the content of such
34 environmental justice action plans within ninety days of the
35 submission of each plan to the commission. If the commissioners, by a
36 majority vote of those present voting, fail to approve or disapprove a
37 plan within that period, the plan shall be deemed to be approved.

38 (e) The Commissioner of Administrative Services and the Secretary
39 of the Office of Policy and Management shall cooperate with the
40 Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities to ensure that state
41 programs, regulations, and contracts are administered in a manner
42 consistent with the environmental justice action responsibilities of the
43 state.

44 (f) The Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities shall
45 adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 to
46 carry out the requirements of this section and section 9 of this act. Such
47 regulations shall include a schedule for semiannual and annual filing
48 of plans.

49 Sec. 9. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2002*) In addition to the provisions
50 of section 4a-60 of the general statutes, each contractor awarded a
51 public works contract in excess of fifty thousand dollars in any fiscal
52 year, but not subject to the provisions of section 46a-68d of the general
53 statutes, shall develop and file with the Commission on Human Rights
54 and Opportunities an environmental justice action plan that shall
55 comply with regulations adopted by the commissioner. Failure to
56 develop an approved environmental justice action plan pursuant to
57 this section shall act as a bar to bidding on or the award of future
58 contracts until such requirement has been met."