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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5718

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**"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 from passage*) (a) As used in this section,  
3 "environmental justice" means the equal protection of the laws of this  
4 state to ensure that no segment of the population bears a  
5 disproportionate burden of environmental risk by virtue of residence,  
6 place of education, place of employment, place of recreation, protected  
7 class status, including race, sex, age, ethnicity, religion, amount and  
8 source of income, and that no segment of the population has a  
9 disproportionate exposure to emissions into the atmosphere,  
10 watercourses, groundwater or soil of the state.

11 (b) The Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority, the Connecticut  
12 Siting Council, the Department of Environmental Protection and the  
13 Department of Motor Vehicles, shall each develop an environmental  
14 justice action plan that commits each such authority, council or  
15 department to a program of environmental justice in all aspects of  
16 programs and policies.

17 (c) The authority, council or department designated in subsection  
18 (b) of this section shall ensure that environmental justice criteria shall  
19 be included in its environmental justice action plan and be specifically  
20 addressed, considered and included in any findings of fact issued prior  
21 to granting any license, permit or authorization.

22 (d) The Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities shall  
23 review the plan of each authority, council or department and identify  
24 any barriers to the achievement of environmental justice and make  
25 recommendations no later than January 1, 2003, to the environment  
26 committee on the implementation of such plans."