



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5187

LCO No. 4147

Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology

Introduced by:
(ET)

AN ACT ALLOWING THE TEMPORARY DISPLAY OF THE UNITED STATES FLAG ON TELEPHONE POLES.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 23-65 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2003*):

4 (a) Any person, firm or corporation which affixes to a telegraph,
5 telephone, electric light or power pole, or to a tree, shrub, rock or other
6 natural object in any public way or grounds, a playbill, picture, notice,
7 advertisement or other similar thing, or cuts, paints or marks such tree,
8 shrub, rock or other natural object, except for the purpose of protecting
9 it or the public and under a written permit from the town tree warden,
10 the borough tree warden, city forester or the Commissioner of
11 Transportation, as the case may be, or, without the consent of the tree
12 warden or of the officer with similar duties, uses climbing spurs for the
13 purpose of climbing any ornamental or shade tree within the limits of
14 any public highway or grounds, shall be fined not more than fifty
15 dollars for each offense. The provisions of this subsection shall not
16 apply to any person, firm or corporation that attaches the United States

17 flag to a telegraph, telephone, electric light or power pole for a period
18 of seven days before or after a legal holiday, as designated by section
19 1-4.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	July 1, 2003

Statement of Purpose:

To allow the temporary display of the United States flag on utility poles.

[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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