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Referred to Committee on Planning and Development

Introduced by:
(PD)

AN ACT CONCERNING TELECOMMUNICATIONS COVERAGE PLANS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) On or before October 1,
2 2003, and annually thereafter, the chief elected official of each
3 municipality shall file, annually, with the Connecticut Siting Council,
4 electronically or otherwise, a report containing the location, type and
5 height of each existing and proposed telecommunications tower in
6 such municipality.

7 (b) On or before January 1, 2005, each municipality may develop a
8 municipal telecommunications coverage plan. Such plan shall consider
9 the information provided to the municipality pursuant to subsection
10 (a) of section 2 of this act, and shall include the mapping of all existing
11 telecommunications towers, radio frequency propagation modeling of
12 existing coverage, hypothetical coverage from alternative sites and
13 identification of sensitive areas for restrictive use. The plan may
14 delineate one or more areas of the municipality within which
15 applications for the siting of telecommunications towers that meet pre-
16 established criteria shall receive expedited consideration. Such plan

17 shall be consistent with (1) 47 USC 332(c)(7), as amended, and any
18 regulations adopted pursuant to said 47 USC 332(c)(7), (2) the Code of
19 Federal Regulations Title 47, Part 22, as amended, (3) tower sharing
20 provisions of section 16-50aa of the general statutes, and (4) the state-
21 wide telecommunications coverage plan adopted by the Connecticut
22 Siting Council pursuant to subsection (a) of section 2 of this act. At the
23 request of a municipality, the Connecticut Siting Council shall provide
24 technical assistance to the municipality in preparing a plan under this
25 subsection.

26 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) On or before January 1, 2004, the
27 Connecticut Siting Council shall develop, maintain and update
28 monthly a state-wide telecommunications coverage data base that
29 includes the location, type and height of all telecommunications towers
30 in the state, as well as those towers specified in subdivision (6) of
31 subsection (a) of section 16-50i of the general statutes. Such data base
32 shall be available for inspection by the public in hard copy and shall be
33 accessible electronically by means of the Internet or other media
34 systems available to the public. Upon request of a municipality, the
35 council shall supply any information contained in the data base to the
36 municipality in preparing a plan under subsection (b) of section 1 of
37 this act.

38 (b) On or before September 1, 2004, the Connecticut Siting Council
39 shall develop a plan for state-wide telecommunications coverage and
40 annually shall review and revise such plan as necessary. The plan shall
41 be consistent with the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, as
42 amended, and with the tower sharing provisions of section 16-50aa of
43 the general statutes. The plan shall contain information on population
44 growth in the state and an analysis of existing and projected demands
45 for telecommunications coverage. On or before November 1, 2004, the
46 Connecticut Siting Council shall supply all information contained in
47 such plan that concerns any municipality and any abutting or
48 adjoining municipalities, to a municipality upon request under section
49 8-2 of the general statutes or any special act regulating the siting of

50 telecommunications towers.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Connecticut Siting Council to develop and annually review and update a state-wide telecommunications plan and to require towns that have adopted zoning regulations regulating the siting of telecommunications towers to provide information to the Connecticut Siting Council on siting of such towers and to adopt a telecommunications coverage plan.

[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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