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LCO No. 4474

Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE MORATORIUM ON PROJECTS IN LONG ISLAND SOUND.

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

1 Section 1. Section 25-157 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 Notwithstanding any other provision of the general statutes, no
4 state agency, including, but not limited to, the Department of
5 Environmental Protection and the Connecticut Siting Council, shall
6 consider or render a final decision for any applications relating to
7 electric power line crossings, gas pipeline crossings or
8 telecommunications crossings of Long Island Sound including, but not
9 limited to, electrical power line, gas pipeline or telecommunications
10 applications that are pending or received after June 3, 2002, for a
11 period of [one year] two years after June 3, 2002. Such moratorium
12 shall not apply to applications relating solely to the maintenance,
13 repair or replacement necessary for repair of electrical power lines, gas
14 pipelines or telecommunications facilities currently used to provide
15 service to customers located on islands or peninsulas off the
16 Connecticut coast or harbors, embayments, tidal rivers, streams or

17 creeks. Nothing in section 16-244j, this section or sections 25-157a to 25-
18 157c, inclusive, shall be construed to affect the project in the corridor
19 across Long Island Sound, from Norwalk to Northport, New York, to
20 replace the existing electric cables that cross the sound. During such
21 twelve-month moratorium on applications relating to crossings of
22 Long Island Sound, the Institute of Sustainable Energy at the Eastern
23 Connecticut State University shall chair and convene a task force of the
24 parties described in section 25-157a in order to undertake the tasks
25 described in section 25-157a.

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

Statement of Purpose:

To extend the moratorium on crossings of Long Island Sound from one year to two years.

[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.]