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LCO No. 342

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:
(TRA)

**AN ACT REVISING CERTAIN LAWS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (h) of section 13a-73 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2004*):

4 (h) All sales or exchanges of surplus property by the Department of
5 Transportation and matters dealing with the initial acquisition of any
6 existing mass transit system or the purchase or sale of properties
7 acquired in connection with any state highway system or mass transit
8 system shall be subject to review and approval of the State Properties
9 Review Board except that those acquisitions and administrative
10 settlements relating to such properties which involve sums not in
11 excess of [one] five thousand dollars shall be reported to the board by
12 the Commissioner of Transportation but shall not be subject to such
13 review and approval. The Commissioner of Public Works shall be
14 informed for inventory purposes of any transfer effectuated in
15 connection with this section. The State Properties Review Board shall
16 not grant such approval if the Department of Transportation has failed

17 to comply with any applicable statutes in connection with the
18 proposed action.

19 Sec. 2. Section 4 of public act 03-115 is repealed and the following is
20 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

21 Bridge number 007773, commonly known as the West Rock Tunnel
22 in New Haven shall be designated the ["Hero's] "Heroes Tunnel".

23 Sec. 3. Section 7 of public act 03-115 is repealed and the following is
24 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

25 A segment of Route 349 in Groton shall be [redesignated]
26 designated as the "William J. Snyder, Sr. Memorial Highway".

27 Sec. 4. Section 84 of public act 03-115 is repealed and the following is
28 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

29 Bridge number [3485] 1743A located in the town of West Hartford
30 on Interstate 84 overpassing [Woodruff Road] SR 535 shall be
31 designated the "Patrick L. Brooks Memorial Bridge".

32 Sec. 5. Section 89 of public act 03-115 is repealed and the following is
33 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

34 Route 173 in the town of West Hartford from SR 529 northerly to the
35 junction [for Route 4] of Route 71 in the Town of West Hartford shall
36 be designated the "Trooper Carl P. Moller Memorial Highway".

37 Sec. 6. Section 13b-200 of the general statutes is repealed and the
38 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

39 (a) The Commissioner of Transportation shall, at the commissioner's
40 discretion, examine the several railroads in the state [once in each year,
41 and more often] when he deems that public safety so requires, and
42 shall make a like examination of any railroad within the limits of any
43 town, when so requested in writing by the selectmen of such town or
44 by the authorities having control and supervision of the streets and

45 highways within the town, and shall see that such railroads are kept in
46 suitable repair and that the companies operating them faithfully
47 comply with all provisions of law. The employees of the Department
48 of Transportation shall have the right to pass free of charge, in the
49 performance of their duties, on all railroads in the state.

50 (b) The commissioner or his employees may enter [, at times of
51 emergency,] any building, car or other premises owned or controlled
52 by any railroad company. Any person interfering with an employee of
53 the Department of Transportation in the performance of his duties
54 shall be fined not more than two hundred dollars or imprisoned not
55 more than six months or both.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To revise certain statutes concerning the Department of Transportation.

[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.]