



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 539

February Session, 2004

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**AN ACT CONCERNING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT EVALUATIONS
FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS ASSOCIATED WITH STATE COMPACTS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 22a-1c of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

3 As used in sections 22a-1 to 22a-1i, inclusive, "actions which may
4 significantly affect the environment" means individual activities or a
5 sequence of planned activities proposed to be undertaken by state
6 departments, institutions or agencies, or funded in whole or in part by
7 the state, or projects proposed by or on behalf of another state or
8 Indian tribe if this state has a compact with such other state or Indian
9 tribe and which activities or projects could have a major impact on the
10 state's land, water, air, historic structures and landmarks as defined in
11 section 10-320c, as amended, existing housing, or other environmental
12 resources, or could serve short term to the disadvantage of long term
13 environmental goals. Such actions shall include but not be limited to
14 new projects and programs of state agencies and new projects
15 supported by state contracts and grants, but shall not include (1)
16 emergency measures undertaken in response to an immediate threat to
17 public health or safety; or (2) activities in which state agency
18 participation is ministerial in nature, involving no exercise of
19 discretion on the part of the state department, institution or agency.

20 Sec. 2. Section 3-6c of the general statutes is repealed and the
 21 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

22 Within ten days after the date of execution of any compact or
 23 amendment to a compact between the state of Connecticut and another
 24 state or an Indian tribe, the Governor shall file such compact or
 25 amendment with the clerks of the House of Representatives and the
 26 Senate. Prior to such filing, any environmental impact evaluation
 27 required pursuant to chapter 439 shall be completed. The General
 28 Assembly may approve such compact or amendment, in whole, by a
 29 majority vote of each house or may reject such compact or amendment,
 30 in whole, by a majority vote of either house. If rejected, the compact or
 31 amendment shall not be valid and shall not be implemented. The
 32 compact or amendment shall be deemed rejected if the General
 33 Assembly fails to vote to approve or reject the compact or amendment
 34 (1) prior to the adjournment of the regular session of the General
 35 Assembly during which such compact or amendment is filed, (2) prior
 36 to the adjournment of the regular session of the General Assembly first
 37 following the date on which such compact or amendment is filed if the
 38 General Assembly is not in regular session on such date, or (3) prior to
 39 the adjournment of a special session convened before the next regular
 40 session of the General Assembly for the purpose of considering such
 41 compact or amendment if the General Assembly is not in regular
 42 session on the date on which such compact or amendment is filed,
 43 provided, if the compact or amendment is filed less than thirty days
 44 before the end of a regular session, the General Assembly may vote to
 45 approve or reject the compact or amendment (A) within thirty days
 46 after the first day of a special session convened before the next regular
 47 session of the General Assembly for the purpose of considering such
 48 compact or amendment, or (B) within thirty days after the first day of
 49 the next regular session of the General Assembly.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2004</i>

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In section 1, the word "or" was inserted before "projects" for clarity.

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