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(As Amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A")

"AN ACT CONCERNING CLIMATE CHANGE."

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- 1 Strike sections 2 and 3 and insert the following in lieu thereof:
- 2 "Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2004*) (a) It shall be the goal of the
- 3 state to reduce emissions of greenhouse gas in order to make an
- 4 appropriate contribution to achieving the regional goals of reducing
- 5 emissions of greenhouse gas to those levels emitted in 1990, which
- 6 reduction to occur not later than January 1, 2010, and to levels ten per
- 7 cent below the 1990 levels not later than January 1, 2020. The
- 8 Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall consult with the
- 9 Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian
- 10 Premiers to establish a date for the long-term regional goal of reducing
- 11 the emissions of greenhouse gas by seventy-five to eighty-five per cent
- 12 below 2001 levels. If the Conference of New England Governors and
- 13 Eastern Canadian Premiers has not established a date for such long-
- 14 term regional goal by January 1, 2007, the date for reaching such goal

15 shall be 2050.

16 (b) Not later than January 1, 2005, the Governor's Steering
17 Committee on Climate Change, established in November 2002, shall
18 develop a multisector, comprehensive climate change action plan, with
19 the opportunity for public comment, which plan shall contain the
20 policies and programs necessary to achieve the state's goals for the
21 reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 2010 and 2020 and shall be
22 justified by pertinent, ascertainable, and peer-reviewed science. Not
23 later than January 1, 2008, the steering committee shall develop an
24 amended climate change action plan, with the opportunity for public
25 comment, for achieving the state's contribution towards reaching the
26 long-term regional goal established pursuant to subsection (a) of this
27 section. Both plans and any scientific data, statistics, reports or
28 research supporting the conclusions in such plans shall be submitted,
29 in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint
30 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
31 matters relating to the environment.

32 (c) Not later than December 1, 2005, and annually thereafter, the
33 Commissioner of Environmental Protection, in collaboration with the
34 commissioners of other state agencies and the steering committee, shall
35 submit a report to the joint standing committee of the General
36 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment on
37 the progress made in achieving the goals established in subsection (a)
38 of this section and to evaluate the appropriateness of the climate
39 change action plans developed pursuant to subsection (b) of this
40 section in achieving such goals.

41 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2004*) (a) The Commissioner of
42 Environmental Protection shall work to establish a regional
43 greenhouse gas registry for greenhouse gas emissions and a regional
44 reporting system in conjunction with other states or a regional
45 consortium.

46 (b) Not later than April 15, 2006, and annually thereafter, the owner

47 or operator of any facility that is required to report air emissions data
48 to the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Title V of
49 the federal Clean Air Act and that has stationary emissions sources
50 that emit greenhouse gasses shall report to the regional registry direct
51 stack emissions of greenhouse gases from such sources. The owner or
52 operator shall report all greenhouse gas emissions in a type and format
53 that the regional registry can accommodate.

54 (c) The commissioner shall consider, on an annual basis, requiring
55 the expansion of reporting to the regional greenhouse gas registry to
56 include, but not be limited to, other facilities or sectors, greenhouse
57 gases, or direct and indirect emissions. A decision for or against an
58 expansion of reporting and an explanation of such decision shall be
59 included in the annual report required pursuant to subsection (c) of
60 section 2 of this act.

61 (d) Not later than July 1, 2006, the commissioner shall provide for
62 the voluntary reporting of emissions of greenhouse gas to the regional
63 greenhouse gas registry by entities and facilities that are not required
64 to submit information pursuant to subsections (b) and (c) of this
65 section but which do so on a voluntary basis. The greenhouse gas
66 emissions reported shall be of a type and format that the regional
67 greenhouse gas registry can accommodate.

68 (e) If a regional greenhouse gas registry is not developed and
69 implemented by April 15, 2007, the commissioner shall evaluate the
70 feasibility of establishing and administering a state-wide greenhouse
71 gas registry for the collection of emissions data pursuant to subsections
72 (b) and (c) of this section. If a regional greenhouse gas registry is
73 developed after the commissioner establishes a state-wide greenhouse
74 gas registry, then the reporting requirements in subsections (b) and (c)
75 of this section shall revert back to the regional greenhouse gas registry
76 in accordance with said subsections (b) and (c).

77 (f) Not later than July 1, 2006, and triennially thereafter, the
78 commissioner shall publish a state greenhouse gas emissions inventory

79 that includes comprehensive estimates of the quantity of greenhouse
80 gas emissions in the state for the last three years in which data is
81 available.

82 (g) The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with
83 the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement the
84 provisions of this section. Any such regulations shall be justified by
85 pertinent, ascertainable, and peer-reviewed science."