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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:
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**AN ACT CONCERNING AESTHETIC ILLUMINATION DESIGN
CRITERIA FOR ROADS AND BRIDGES.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) (a) On or before January 1,
2 2006, the Commissioner of Transportation shall, by regulations
3 adopted pursuant to chapter 54 of the general statutes, establish design
4 criteria to govern the aesthetic illumination of new bridges,
5 rehabilitated historical or signature bridges, principal and minor
6 arterial roads, collector roads and local roads and streets. The criteria
7 shall take into account (1) safety, durability and economy of
8 maintenance; (2) the constructed and natural environment of the area;
9 (3) maximization of energy conservation; (4) minimization of light
10 pollution, glare and light trespass; (5) the environmental, scenic,
11 aesthetic, historic, community and preservation impacts of the activity;
12 and (6) access for other modes of transportation, including those that
13 promote physically active communities.

14 (b) In establishing the criteria required under subsection (a) of this
15 section, the commissioner shall solicit and consider the views of chief
16 elected officials and organizations, including, but not limited to, those

17 with expertise in environmental protection, historic preservation,
18 scenic conservation, bicycle and pedestrian transportation, regional
19 councils of governments, rural development councils, Connecticut
20 Commission on Culture and Tourism and the Federal Highway
21 Administration.

22 (c) The commissioner may, as a condition for installing aesthetic
23 illumination requested by a municipality, require such municipality to
24 pay for any increased costs of power consumption and maintenance
25 attributable to the aesthetic illumination installed.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To allow the Department of Transportation to establish design criteria for aesthetic lighting of roads and bridges.

[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.]