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LCO No. 4322

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING STATE PARKS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 22a-27h of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

3 (a) There is established a fund to be known as the "Conservation
4 Fund" which shall be held by the Treasurer. Within the Conservation
5 Fund, there is established and created an account to be known as the
6 "conservation account". The Conservation Fund may include other
7 accounts separate and apart from the conservation account.
8 Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes to the contrary,
9 any moneys required by law to be deposited in the Conservation Fund
10 shall be deposited therein and credited to the conservation account.
11 Any balance remaining in the fund at the end of any fiscal year shall be
12 carried forward in the conservation account for the fiscal year next
13 succeeding. The conservation account shall be used by the Department
14 of Environmental Protection for the administration of the central office
15 and conservation and preservation programs authorized by the
16 general statutes.

17 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, [to the
18 contrary, on and after June 1, 1990, (1) the amount of any fee received
19 by the Department of Environmental Protection which is attributable
20 to the establishment of a new fee or the increase of an existing fee
21 pursuant to the provisions of title 23 or 26 and (2) any fees paid to the
22 department, pursuant to said titles, which are in excess of the total fees
23 paid to the department pursuant to said titles for the fiscal year ending
24 June 30, 1989, shall be deposited directly into the fund established by
25 subsection (a) of this section and credited to the conservation account.
26 The Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall certify to the
27 Treasurer, with respect to each such fee received on and after June 1,
28 1990, the amount of such fee which shall be credited to the General
29 Fund and the amount of such fee which shall be credited to the
30 conservation account] on and after July 1, 2005, (1) all fees paid to the
31 department pursuant to title 23 shall be deposited into the
32 Conservation Fund and credited to the conservation account
33 established by subsection (a) of this section, and (2) the amount of fees
34 paid to the department pursuant to title 26 in excess of the amount of
35 such fees paid during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1989, as certified
36 by the commissioner, shall be deposited into the Conservation Fund
37 and credited to the conservation account established by subsection (a)
38 of this section.

39 (c) There is established an account known as the maintenance,
40 repair and improvement account. Said account shall be an account of
41 the Conservation Fund. All moneys collected from any rent paid by
42 any person occupying or otherwise using any property in the custody
43 and control of the Commissioner of Environmental Protection,
44 including houses or other buildings, shall be deposited into the
45 account unless the commissioner enters into a written agreement, signs
46 an instrument or issues a license which specifically states otherwise.
47 Said account may also receive moneys from private or public sources,
48 or from the federal government or a municipal government.
49 Notwithstanding any other provision of the general statutes or any
50 regulation adopted thereunder, any moneys deposited into the account

51 shall be deposited in the Conservation Fund and credited to the
52 maintenance, repair and improvement account. Any balance
53 remaining in the account at the end of any fiscal year shall be carried
54 forward in the account for the fiscal year next succeeding. The account
55 shall be available to the Commissioner of Environmental Protection for
56 maintaining, making improvements to, erecting structures on, or
57 repairing any property in the custody and control of the Commissioner
58 of Environmental Protection, including houses and other buildings.
59 Nothing in this section shall prevent the commissioner from obtaining
60 or using funds from sources other than the account, for maintaining,
61 making improvements to, erecting structures on, or repairing any
62 property in the custody and control of said commissioner, including
63 houses and other buildings.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	22a-27h

Statement of Purpose:

To increase funding for state parks.

[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.]