



Substitute House Bill No. 5570

Public Act No. 06-82

**AN ACT CONCERNING ECONOMIC INCENTIVES FOR ACHIEVING
NITROGEN EFFLUENT REDUCTIONS TO LONG ISLAND SOUND.**

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

Section 1. Section 22a-522 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

Notwithstanding any provision of section 22a-430, as amended, or 22a-430b and notwithstanding nitrogen limits specified in individual discharge permits issued pursuant to said section 22a-430, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall issue a general permit for publicly-owned treatment works specifying effluent limits for nitrogen in accordance with the total maximum daily load and may issue a general permit for private-sector entities that discharge nitrogen into state waters that may include, but not be limited to, marketable permits, effluent reduction credits or other economic incentives. In order to meet water quality standards, the commissioner may incorporate compliance schedules into permits issued under this section and said sections 22a-430 and 22a-430b. The general permit shall establish effluent limits for nitrogen and shall establish an annual compliance schedule for nitrogen for each publicly-owned treatment works and for each private-sector entity that discharges nitrogen into state waters. Under the general permit, the commissioner may require

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publicly-owned treatment works to (1) meet effluent limits and other conditions for discharging nitrogen to the waters of the state pursuant to their individual waste load allocations, (2) comply with monitoring requirements as set forth in the general permit, and (3) comply with any other requirements as determined by the commissioner necessary to carry out the provisions of this section. Publicly-owned treatment works may participate in the nitrogen credit exchange program in order to comply with effluent limits for nitrogen specified in the general permit.

Sec. 2. Section 22a-526 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

The Commissioner of Environmental Protection may, in consultation with the Treasurer, adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to carry out the provisions of sections 22a-522 to 22a-525, inclusive, as amended by this act. Said regulations may provide for programs for municipalities or the private sector including, but not limited to, marketable permits, effluent reduction credits or other economic incentives.

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