



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 5570**

LCO No. 2171

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

***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:

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 Section 22a-526 of the general statutes is repealed and the  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

3 (a) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection may adopt  
4 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to carry out the provisions  
5 of sections 22a-522 to 22a-525, inclusive.

6 (b) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection may adopt  
7 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, or may  
8 issue general permits, individual permits or orders in accordance with  
9 the procedural requirements of this chapter to provide for private  
10 sector-based programs to achieve attainment of the total maximum  
11 daily load standards. Such programs may include, but not be limited  
12 to, marketable permits, effluent reduction credits or other economic  
13 incentives, but shall not require or allow the transfer of state bond  
14 funds from publicly owned treatment works participating in the  
15 general permit authorized under section 22a-522 to the private sector.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	22a-526

**Statement of Purpose:**

To allow the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to expand the Nitrogen Credit Exchange program to include the private sector.

*[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.]*