



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5629

February Session, 2006

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AN ACT CONCERNING ENVIRONMENTAL AUDITS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) Not later than December
2 31, 2007, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall adopt
3 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the
4 general statutes, to establish an environmental audit program.
5 Notwithstanding the provisions of the general statutes, the audit
6 program shall allow for the elimination or reduction of fines, penalties,
7 or civil actions for a violation of the provisions of title 22a of the
8 general statutes and the regulations adopted pursuant to said title 22a,
9 provided (1) the violation is discovered as a result of an environmental
10 compliance audit; (2) the person who discovers the violation conducts
11 an environmental compliance audit not less than annually; (3) the
12 audit is not required by any federal or state statute, regulation, court
13 order or administrative order; (4) the violation discovered during the
14 audit is reported not later than ten days after discovery to the
15 commissioner or the commissioner's designee; (5) the person takes
16 action to correct the violation within an appropriate period of time, as
17 determined by the commissioner; and (6) the violation is not a result of
18 knowing, wilful or reckless conduct of the person.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	New section
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In subdivisions (1), (2), (3), (4) and (6), the tense was changed for statutory consistency.

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