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***Raised Bill No. 188***

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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FOR CERTAIN STATE LAND TRANSFERS.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 22a-1c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 As used in sections 22a-1 to 22a-1i, inclusive, "actions which may  
4 significantly affect the environment" means individual activities or a  
5 sequence of planned activities proposed to be undertaken by state  
6 departments, institutions or agencies, or funded in whole or in part by  
7 the state, which could have a major impact on the state's land, water,  
8 air, historic structures and landmarks as defined in section 10-410,  
9 existing housing, or other environmental resources, or could serve  
10 short term to the disadvantage of long term environmental goals. Such  
11 actions shall include but not be limited to the sale or transfer of fifty  
12 acres or more of state land or an interest in state land, including state  
13 land transferred by special act, whenever there exists a reasonable  
14 probability that the use of such land will change within a reasonable  
15 period of time after such sale or transfer, new projects and programs of

16 state agencies and new projects supported by state contracts and  
17 grants, but shall not include (1) emergency measures undertaken in  
18 response to an immediate threat to public health or safety; or (2)  
19 activities in which state agency participation is ministerial in nature,  
20 involving no exercise of discretion on the part of the state department,  
21 institution or agency.

22 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 22a-1b of the general statutes is  
23 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
24 *passage*):

25 (c) Each state department, institution or agency responsible for the  
26 primary recommendation or initiation of actions which may  
27 significantly affect the environment shall in the case of each such  
28 proposed action make a detailed written evaluation of its  
29 environmental impact before deciding whether to undertake or  
30 approve such action. All such environmental impact evaluations shall  
31 be detailed statements setting forth the following: (1) A description of  
32 the proposed action which shall include, but not be limited to, a  
33 description of the purpose and need of the proposed action, and, in the  
34 case of a proposed facility, a description of the infrastructure needs of  
35 such facility, including, but not limited to, parking, water supply,  
36 wastewater treatment and the square footage of the facility; (2) the  
37 environmental consequences of the proposed action, including  
38 cumulative, direct and indirect effects which might result during and  
39 subsequent to the proposed action; (3) any adverse environmental  
40 effects which cannot be avoided and irreversible and irretrievable  
41 commitments of resources should the proposal be implemented; (4)  
42 alternatives to the proposed action, including the alternative of not  
43 proceeding with the proposed action and, in the case of a proposed  
44 facility, a list of all the sites controlled by or reasonably available to the  
45 sponsoring agency that would meet the stated purpose of such facility;  
46 (5) an evaluation of the proposed action's consistency and each  
47 alternative's consistency with the state plan of conservation and  
48 development, an evaluation of each alternative including, to the extent

49 practicable, whether it avoids, minimizes or mitigates environmental  
 50 impacts, and, where appropriate, a description of detailed mitigation  
 51 measures proposed to minimize environmental impacts, including, but  
 52 not limited to, where appropriate, a site plan; (6) an analysis of the  
 53 short term and long term economic, social and environmental costs  
 54 and benefits of the proposed action; (7) the effect of the proposed  
 55 action on the use and conservation of energy resources; and (8) a  
 56 description of the effects of the proposed action on sacred sites or  
 57 archaeological sites of state or national importance. In the case of an  
 58 action which affects existing housing, the evaluation shall also contain  
 59 a detailed statement analyzing (A) housing consequences of the  
 60 proposed action, including direct and indirect effects which might  
 61 result during and subsequent to the proposed action by income group  
 62 as defined in section 8-37aa and by race, and (B) the consistency of the  
 63 housing consequences with the long-range state housing plan adopted  
 64 under section 8-37t. In the case of a proposed action involving the sale  
 65 or transfer of fifty acres or more of state land, or an interest in state  
 66 land, whenever the final use of such land is not known at the time of  
 67 the proposed action, an environmental impact evaluation shall be  
 68 conducted based on the information that is reasonably available at the  
 69 time of such proposed action and shall include a consideration of the  
 70 likely alternative uses of such land. As used in this section, "sacred  
 71 sites" and "archaeological sites" shall have the same meaning as in  
 72 section 10-381.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	22a-1c
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	22a-1b(c)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require an environmental impact evaluation to be performed before the sale or transfer of certain parcels of state land.

*[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.]*

