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***Raised Bill No. 191***

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

***AN ACT CONCERNING COST SAVINGS THROUGH ADOPTION OF  
HIGH PERFORMANCE ENERGY EFFICIENT GREEN BUILDING  
STANDARDS.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) (a) Notwithstanding any  
2 provision of the general statutes, any new construction of a facility that  
3 is projected to cost not less than one million dollars, for which not less  
4 than twenty-five per cent of the costs are financed with state funds,  
5 shall comply with the regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (b)  
6 of this section. The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,  
7 in consultation with the Commissioner of Public Works, may exempt  
8 any facility from complying with said regulations if said secretary and  
9 commissioner both find, in a written analysis, that the cost of such  
10 compliance significantly outweighs the benefits. For purposes of this  
11 section, "facility" means any building, including, but not limited to, a  
12 state-financed housing project or a building that is used or intended to  
13 be used as a school.

14 (b) Not later than January 1, 2007, the Secretary of the Office of  
15 Policy and Management, in consultation with the Commissioner of

16 Public Works, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection and the  
17 Commissioner of Public Safety, shall adopt regulations, in accordance  
18 with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to adopt  
19 building construction standards that are consistent with or exceed the  
20 silver building rating of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental  
21 Design's rating system for new commercial construction and major  
22 renovation projects, as established by the United States Green Building  
23 Council, or an equivalent standard, including, but not limited to, a  
24 two-globe rating in the Green Globes USA design program, and  
25 thereafter update such regulations as the secretary deems necessary.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2006	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require certain state-financed construction projects to comply with "green building" standards adopted by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management.

*[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.]*