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Committee Bill No. 5931

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Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology

Introduced by:
(ET)

AN ACT CONCERNING ROAD REPAIRS BY UTILITY COMPANIES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) In addition to the
2 requirements of sections 16-229 to 16-231, inclusive, of the general
3 statutes:

4 (1) Any permit for local road repair work performed pursuant to a
5 request from a public service company, as defined in section 16-1 of
6 the general statutes, granted by a municipality shall disclose the name
7 and contact information of the public service company for which the
8 road repair work is being performed.

9 (2) The Department of Public Utility Control, in consultation with
10 the Department of Transportation, shall conduct a contested case
11 proceeding to determine (A) the maximum amount of time allowable
12 between temporary and permanent local road repair work performed
13 on behalf of a public service company, and (B) a third-party appeals
14 process for disputes regarding the completeness of the local road
15 repair work in question.

16 (3) A municipality shall inspect all road repair work performed on
17 behalf of a public service company within one year of any permanent
18 road repair work. Such work shall be deemed to be sufficient unless
19 the municipality deems it to be deficient. If the municipality deems the
20 work to be deficient, it shall direct the entity performing the road work
21 to repair it.

22 (4) A municipality shall require a bond for road repair work
23 performed on behalf of a public service company. The municipality
24 may not release said bond until it determines that the road repair work
25 is not deficient.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2007	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To make utility companies responsible for reckless repair of town roads, increasing the safety and decreasing costs to local taxpayers.

[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.]

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