



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 6973

LCO No. 991

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:

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AN ACT AUTHORIZING MUNICIPALITIES TO FUND CONSTRUCTION OF SOUND BARRIERS ALONG INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS.

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

1 That the general statutes be amended to empower a municipality to
2 authorize the issuance of bonds under the provisions of section 7-369
3 of the general statutes, the proceeds of which shall be paid to the
4 Department of Transportation and used by the department as a
5 municipal contribution of not more than one hundred per cent
6 towards the cost of planning, designing and constructing sound
7 barriers along an interstate highway, provided: (1) At least fifty per
8 cent of the owners of benefited properties within two hundred fifty
9 yards of such interstate highway petition the municipality to construct
10 such sound barriers along the interstate highway; (2) the municipality
11 holds a public hearing on the issue; (3) the municipality assesses all
12 benefited properties for the purpose of paying for such bonds and for
13 the cost of issuing such bonds; (4) any benefit assessment that remains
14 unpaid for more than thirty days after the due date for payment of
15 such assessment constitutes a lien upon the property against which the
16 assessment was levied; and (5) "benefited property" means any

17 residential property in a municipality located within an area
18 designated by the municipality.

Statement of Purpose:

To authorize certain municipalities to issue bonds to provide funds for the construction of sound barriers.