



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 7253

LCO No. 4603

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Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology

Introduced by:
(ET)

AN ACT CONCERNING ALTERNATIVE ENERGY INVESTMENT.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of
2 Emergency Management and Homeland Security shall, within
3 available appropriations, establish a municipal fuel cell grant program.
4 The commissioner shall make grants under said program to
5 municipalities for the purchase of fuel cells for municipal buildings to
6 serve as disaster relief centers. The commissioner shall give priority to
7 applications for grants for fuel cells in high schools. Each grant shall be
8 in an amount that makes the cost of purchasing and operating the fuel
9 cell competitive with the municipality's current electricity expenses.

10 (b) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with
11 the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to administer the
12 grant program established in subsection (a) of this section.

13 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of one hundred million dollars
14 is appropriated to the Department of Emergency Management and
15 Homeland Security, from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending
16 June 30, 2008, for the grant program established pursuant to section 1

17 of this act.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>from passage</i> | New section |
| Sec. 2 | <i>July 1, 2007</i> | New section |

Statement of Purpose:

To provide funds to towns for fuel cells, which will encourage and promote the use of distributed generation, reduce the use of imported oils, reduce carbon monoxide emissions, reduce municipal electricity costs and promote new technologies and jobs in the state.

[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.]