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AN ACT CONCERNING THE FACE OF CONNECTICUT.

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

1 Section 1. Section 22-26hh of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 The State Bond Commission shall have power, from time to time, to
4 authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in [one or more] a lump
5 sum or in a series and in principal amounts not exceeding in the
6 aggregate [one hundred seven million seven hundred fifty thousand]
7 two hundred million dollars, the proceeds of which shall be used for
8 the purposes of section 22-26cc, provided: (1) not more than [ten]
9 twenty million dollars of said authorization shall be effective July 1,
10 [2006] 2007, (2) not more than twenty million dollars of said
11 authorization shall be effective July 1, 2008, and [further provided] (3)
12 not more than two million dollars shall be used for the purposes of
13 section 22-26jj. All provisions of section 3-20, or the exercise of any
14 right or power granted thereby which are not inconsistent with the
15 provisions of this section are hereby adopted and shall apply to all
16 bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission pursuant to this
17 section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the money to be
18 derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized may be issued
19 in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to time renewed.
20 Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not exceeding twenty

21 years from their respective dates as may be provided in or pursuant to
22 the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond Commission authorizing
23 such bonds. None of said bonds shall be authorized except upon a
24 finding by the State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it
25 a request for such authorization, which is signed by or on behalf of the
26 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and states such
27 terms and conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may
28 require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be general
29 obligations of the state and the full faith and credit of the state of
30 Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the principal of and
31 interest on said bonds as the same become due, and accordingly and as
32 part of the contract of the state with the holders of said bonds,
33 appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual payment of such
34 principal and interest is hereby made, and the Treasurer shall pay such
35 principal and interest as the same become due.

36 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 7-131e of the general statutes is
37 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
38 *1, 2007*):

39 (a) Grant award decisions under the protected open space and
40 watershed land acquisition grant program established under section
41 7-131d or under the Charter Oak open space grant program
42 established under section 7-131t shall be made by the Commissioner of
43 Environmental Protection at least semiannually. All complete and
44 eligible grant applications shall be acted upon by the commissioner as
45 soon as practicable. A single project may receive a grant in more than
46 one grant cycle, subject to future availability of funds and subject to
47 the limitations set forth in this section and sections 23-78, 12-498 and
48 7-131d. Up to [two] five per cent of the grant funds may be used for
49 administrative expenses including, but not limited to: (1) Contractors
50 to assist the Department of Environmental Protection in the review
51 and evaluation of grant proposals and baseline data collection for
52 conservation easements; (2) appraisals or appraisal reviews; and (3)
53 preparation of legal and other documents. Administrative expenses
54 may not be used for staff salaries. Not later than September 1, 1998, for

55 the protected open space and watershed land acquisition grant
56 program established under section 7-131d, and not later than
57 September 1, 2000, for the Charter Oak open space grant program
58 account established under section 7-131t, the commissioner shall
59 develop written guidelines and a ranking system for consistency and
60 equity in the distribution of grant awards under the protected open
61 space and watershed land acquisition grant program established under
62 section 7-131d or under the Charter Oak open space grant program
63 account established under section 7-131t based on the criteria listed in
64 subsections (b) and (c) of section 7-131d. Consistent with such criteria,
65 additional consideration shall be given to: (A) Protection of lands
66 adjacent to and complementary to adjacent protected open space land
67 or class I or class II water company lands; (B) equitable geographic
68 distribution of the grants; (C) proximity of a property to urban areas
69 with growth and development pressures or to areas with open space
70 deficiencies and underserved populations; (D) protection of land
71 particularly vulnerable to development incompatible with its natural
72 resource values including the protection of a public water supply
73 source; (E) consistency with the state's plan of conservation and
74 development; (F) multiple protection elements, such as water quality
75 and supply protection, scenic preservation and farmland preservation;
76 (G) the extent to which the presence of already constructed buildings
77 or other manmade improvements diminish or overshadow the natural
78 resource value of a proposed acquisition, or its value relative to its
79 cost; and (H) preservation of forest lands and bodies of water which
80 naturally absorb significant amounts of carbon dioxide.

81 Sec. 3. Section 7-131g of the general statutes is repealed and the
82 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

83 (a) Subject to the provisions of sections 7-131d to 7-131k, inclusive,
84 the Commissioner of Environmental Protection may (1) where a
85 federal grant is also made, approve grants to municipalities in an
86 amount not to exceed one-half of the nonfederal share of open space
87 land acquisition or development costs, (2) where a federal
88 rehabilitation or innovation grant is made to a municipality under the

89 Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act of 1978 (P.L. 95-625, 92 Stat.
90 3538), approve a grant to such municipality not to exceed fifteen per
91 cent of the total project cost of such development or rehabilitation and
92 (3) where a federal grant is not made, may approve grants to
93 municipalities in accordance with the provisions of this section.

94 (b) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection may make
95 grants under the open space and watershed land acquisition program
96 to: (1) Municipalities for acquisition of land for open space under
97 subdivisions (1) to (6), inclusive, of subsection (b) of section 7-131d in
98 an amount not to exceed [fifty] ~~sixty-five~~ per cent of the fair market
99 value of a parcel of land or interest in land proposed to be acquired; (2)
100 municipalities for acquisition of land for class I and class II water
101 supply protection under subdivision (5) of subsection (b) of said
102 section 7-131d, in an amount not to exceed sixty-five per cent of such
103 value; (3) nonprofit land conservation organizations for acquisition of
104 land for open space or watershed protection under subdivisions (1) to
105 (6), inclusive, of subsection (b) of said section 7-131d, in an amount not
106 to exceed [fifty] ~~sixty-five~~ per cent of such value; (4) water companies
107 for acquisition of land under subdivision (7) of subsection (b) of said
108 section 7-131d, in an amount not to exceed [forty] ~~sixty-five~~ per cent of
109 such value provided if such a company proposes in a grant application
110 that it intends to allow access to such land for recreational uses, such
111 company shall seek approval of the Commissioner of Public Health for
112 such access; and (5) distressed municipalities or targeted investment
113 communities, as defined in section 32-9p, or, with the approval of the
114 chief elected official or governing legislative body of such a
115 municipality or community, to a nonprofit land conservation
116 organization or water company, for acquisition of land within that
117 municipality or community, for open space under subdivisions (1) to
118 (6), inclusive, of subsection (b) of said section 7-131d, in an amount not
119 to exceed [sixty-five] ~~seventy-five~~ per cent of such value or for
120 performance of work in the restoration, enhancement or protection of
121 resources in an amount not to exceed fifty per cent of the cost of such
122 work. Applicants for grants under the program shall provide a copy of

123 the application to the chairperson of the review board established
124 under section 7-131e, as amended by this act. The board shall provide
125 comments to the commissioner on pending applications as it deems
126 necessary.

127 (c) For purposes of this subsection, the fair market value of land or
128 interest in land shall be determined by one or more appraisals
129 satisfactory to the commissioner and shall not include incidental costs,
130 including, but not limited to, surveying, development or closing costs.
131 The commissioner may consider a portion of the fair market value of a
132 donation of land by an entity receiving a grant as a portion of the
133 matching funds required under this subsection. No other funds made
134 available by the state may be used by a potential grantee as matching
135 funds under the program.

136 (d) To the extent there is a balance of bonds authorized but not
137 allocated by the State Bond Commission on or after July 1, 1998,
138 pursuant to any bond act for the purposes of (1) the recreation and
139 natural heritage trust program established under sections 23-73 to 23-
140 79, inclusive, and (2) the municipal open space grant program
141 established under sections 7-131c to 7-131g, inclusive, the State Bond
142 Commission shall authorize the issuance of such balance only for the
143 purposes described in section 23-74 and sections 23-75 and 7-131d and
144 in two substantially equal installments one in each half of the fiscal
145 year commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999.

146 Sec. 4. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) For the purposes described in
147 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have
148 the power, from time to time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the
149 state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in
150 the aggregate forty-eight million dollars, provided twenty-four million
151 dollars of said authorization shall be effective July 1, 2008.

152 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the
153 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the
154 Department of Environmental Protection for the purpose of funding

155 the protected open space and watershed land acquisition grant
156 program established under section 7-131d of the general statutes.

157 (c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the
158 exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not
159 inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and
160 shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission
161 pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the
162 money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized
163 may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to
164 time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not
165 exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided
166 in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond
167 Commission authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be
168 authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that
169 there has been filed with it a request for such authorization which is
170 signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
171 Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission,
172 in its discretion, may require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this
173 section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and
174 credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the
175 principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and
176 accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of
177 said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual
178 payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State
179 Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become
180 due.

181 Sec. 5. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) For the purposes described in
182 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have
183 the power, from time to time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the
184 state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in
185 the aggregate thirty-six million dollars, provided eighteen million
186 dollars of said authorization shall be effective July 1, 2008.

187 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the

188 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the
189 Department of Environmental Protection for the purpose of funding
190 the Connecticut recreation and natural heritage trust program created
191 by sections 23-74 to 23-80, inclusive, of the general statutes.

192 (c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the
193 exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not
194 inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and
195 shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission
196 pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the
197 money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized
198 may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to
199 time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not
200 exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided
201 in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond
202 Commission authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be
203 authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that
204 there has been filed with it a request for such authorization which is
205 signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
206 Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission,
207 in its discretion, may require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this
208 section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and
209 credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the
210 principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and
211 accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of
212 said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual
213 payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State
214 Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become
215 due.

216 Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) The Connecticut Housing
217 Finance Authority shall administer, in consultation with the
218 Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism, established
219 pursuant to section 10-392 of the general statutes, and the Connecticut
220 Trust for Historic Preservation, established pursuant to special act 75-
221 93, a grant program to fund city and village restoration programs,

222 including, but not limited to, the rehabilitation of historic urban
223 neighborhoods and stimulation of affordable housing and mixed use
224 development in historic buildings. Such grants shall be awarded prior
225 to the commencement of any development for the purposes of site
226 assembly and brownfields remediation.

227 (b) There is established the historic cities and villages account which
228 shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. Such
229 account shall contain any moneys required to be deposited by law and
230 shall be used to fund the grant program established in subsection (a) of
231 this section.

232 (c) In each fiscal year that there are funds available in the historic
233 cities and villages account, the Connecticut Commission on Culture
234 and Tourism, established pursuant to section 10-392 of the general
235 statutes, in consultation with the Connecticut Trust for Historic
236 Preservation, established pursuant to special act 75-93, shall administer
237 a matching grant program to fund the planning and restoration of
238 historic municipal buildings.

239 *Sec. 7. (Effective July 1, 2007)* (a) For the purposes described in
240 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have
241 the power, from time to time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the
242 state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in
243 the aggregate twenty-eight million dollars, provided fourteen million
244 dollars of said authorization shall be effective July 1, 2008.

245 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the
246 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be deposited in the
247 historic cities and villages account established under section 6 of this
248 act for the purpose of funding the programs specified in section 6 of
249 this act.

250 (c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the
251 exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not
252 inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and
253 shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission

254 pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the
255 money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized
256 may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to
257 time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not
258 exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided
259 in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond
260 Commission authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be
261 authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that
262 there has been filed with it a request for such authorization which is
263 signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
264 Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission,
265 in its discretion, may require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this
266 section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and
267 credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the
268 principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and
269 accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of
270 said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual
271 payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State
272 Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become
273 due.

274 Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) The Connecticut Trust for
275 Historic Preservation, established pursuant to special act 75-93, shall
276 administer a matching grants program to fund community efforts to
277 plan for preservation, identify and evaluate historic resources and
278 register properties on the state or national Register of Historic Places.

279 (b) There is established the historic registration account, which shall
280 be a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. Such
281 account shall contain any moneys required to be deposited by law and
282 shall be used to fund the matching grant program established in
283 subsection (a) of this section.

284 Sec. 9. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) For the purposes described in
285 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have
286 the power, from time to time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the

287 state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in
288 the aggregate two million dollars, provided one million dollars of said
289 authorization shall be effective July 1, 2008.

290 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the
291 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be deposited in the
292 historic registration account established under section 8 of this act, for
293 the purpose of funding the matching grant program established under
294 section 8 of this act.

295 (c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the
296 exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not
297 inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and
298 shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission
299 pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the
300 money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized
301 may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to
302 time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not
303 exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided
304 in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond
305 Commission authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be
306 authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that
307 there has been filed with it a request for such authorization which is
308 signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
309 Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission,
310 in its discretion, may require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this
311 section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and
312 credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the
313 principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and
314 accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of
315 said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual
316 payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State
317 Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become
318 due.

319 Sec. 10. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) The Connecticut

320 Commission on Culture and Tourism, established pursuant to section
321 10-392 of the general statutes, in consultation with the Connecticut
322 Trust for Historic Preservation, established pursuant to special act 75-
323 93, shall administer a matching grant program to fund the preservation
324 of historic landscapes and buildings, including, but not limited to:
325 Barns and other farm buildings, scenic roads, town greens, stone walls,
326 archeological sites, cemeteries, estates or formal gardens. Such funds
327 shall be used for easement acquisition, structural assessments,
328 feasibility studies and restoration.

329 (b) There is established the historic landscape account, which shall
330 be a separate nonlapsing account within the General Fund. Such
331 account shall contain any moneys required to be deposited by law and
332 shall be used to fund the matching grant program established in
333 subsection (a) of this section.

334 Sec. 11. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) For the purposes described in
335 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have
336 the power, from time to time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the
337 state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in
338 the aggregate ten million dollars, provided five million dollars of said
339 authorization shall be effective July 1, 2008.

340 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the
341 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be deposited in the
342 historic landscape account established in section 10 of this act for the
343 purpose of funding the matching grant program established in section
344 10 of this act.

345 (c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the
346 exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not
347 inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and
348 shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission
349 pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the
350 money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized
351 may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to

352 time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not
353 exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided
354 in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond
355 Commission authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be
356 authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that
357 there has been filed with it a request for such authorization which is
358 signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
359 Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission,
360 in its discretion, may require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this
361 section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and
362 credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the
363 principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and
364 accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of
365 said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual
366 payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State
367 Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become
368 due.

369 Sec. 12. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of
370 Agriculture shall convene a Best Management Practices Committee
371 that shall consist of representatives of: The Department of Agriculture,
372 the Department of Environmental Protection, The University of
373 Connecticut Cooperative Extension Service, the Connecticut
374 Agricultural Experiment Station and the United States Department of
375 Agriculture. The committee shall review currently utilized and
376 accepted best management practices, nutrient management plans and
377 integrated pest management, make recommendations to enhance the
378 environmental quality of farms, and submit such recommendations, in
379 accordance with the provisions of 11-41 of the general statutes, to the
380 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance
381 of matters relating to the environment. The committee shall establish
382 cost-sharing funding levels for best management practices that the
383 Commissioner of Agriculture shall administer.

384 (b) The Commissioner of Agriculture may provide cost-sharing or
385 matching grant moneys for any federal funding allocated for a similar

386 purpose, with funds available through bond authorization pursuant to
387 section 13 of this act, to assist and promote best management practices.
388 For purposes of this section, "cost-sharing or matching grant moneys"
389 means all contributions, including cash and third party in-kind
390 donations that are approved by the commissioner.

391 Sec. 13. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) For the purposes described in
392 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have
393 the power, from time to time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the
394 state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in
395 the aggregate eighteen million dollars, provided nine million dollars of
396 said authorization shall be effective July 1, 2008.

397 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the
398 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the
399 Department of Agriculture for the purpose of carrying out the
400 provisions of section 12 of this act.

401 (c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the
402 exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not
403 inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and
404 shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission
405 pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the
406 money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized
407 may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to
408 time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not
409 exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided
410 in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond
411 Commission authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be
412 authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that
413 there has been filed with it a request for such authorization which is
414 signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
415 Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission,
416 in its discretion, may require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this
417 section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and
418 credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the

419 principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and
420 accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of
421 said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual
422 payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State
423 Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become
424 due.

425 Sec. 14. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) The Department of
426 Environmental Protection shall administer, within available
427 appropriations, a community stewardship grant program to provide
428 individual grants of not more than thirty thousand dollars to
429 municipalities and land trusts for stewardship programs including, but
430 not limited to, the development of public access on preserved land and
431 the control of invasive plant species.

432 (b) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection may adopt
433 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, to
434 carry out the provisions of this section. Such regulations shall establish
435 requirements for applications and criteria to be used in awarding
436 grants under this section.

437 Sec. 15. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) For the purposes described in
438 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have
439 the power, from time to time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the
440 state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in
441 the aggregate two million dollars, provided one million dollars of said
442 authorization shall be effective July 1, 2008.

443 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the
444 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the
445 Department of Environmental Protection for the purpose of funding
446 the community stewardship grant program established in section 14 of
447 this act.

448 (c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the
449 exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not
450 inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and

451 shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission
452 pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the
453 money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized
454 may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to
455 time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not
456 exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided
457 in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond
458 Commission authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be
459 authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that
460 there has been filed with it a request for such authorization which is
461 signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
462 Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission,
463 in its discretion, may require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this
464 section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and
465 credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the
466 principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and
467 accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of
468 said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual
469 payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State
470 Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become
471 due.

472 Sec. 16. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) There is established the
473 Long Island stewardship account, a separate, nonlapsing account
474 within the Long Island Sound account. The account may receive any
475 funds required by law to be deposited into the account. The
476 Commissioner of Environmental Protection may receive private
477 donations and funds from the federal government for deposit in the
478 account.

479 (b) All moneys deposited in the account shall be used by the
480 Commissioner of Environmental Protection for the provision of grants
481 for the purposes of improvement, protection and acquisition of Long
482 Island Sound stewardship sites located along the Connecticut
483 coastline.

484 Sec. 17. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) For the purposes described in
485 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have
486 the power, from time to time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the
487 state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in
488 the aggregate seven million dollars, provided three million five
489 hundred thousand dollars of said authorization shall be effective July
490 1, 2008.

491 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the
492 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the
493 Department of Environmental Protection for the purpose of funding
494 the grant program established in section 16 of this act.

495 (c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the
496 exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not
497 inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and
498 shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission
499 pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the
500 money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized
501 may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to
502 time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not
503 exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided
504 in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond
505 Commission authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be
506 authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that
507 there has been filed with it a request for such authorization which is
508 signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
509 Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission,
510 in its discretion, may require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this
511 section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and
512 credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the
513 principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and
514 accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of
515 said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual
516 payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State
517 Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become

518 due.

519 Sec. 18. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The Department of
 520 Environmental Protection shall provide matching grants, within
 521 available appropriations, to assist land trusts to improve
 522 organizational development and land protection, as well as to support
 523 education and innovative strategies for land protection.

524 Sec. 19. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) A municipality may repay its
 525 portion of a state matching grant for the preservation of farm land or
 526 open space land in equal installments during the ten-year period after
 527 the grant is made. If the grant is repaid in five years or less, no interest
 528 on such grant shall be charged to the municipality. The interest rate
 529 during the final four years of payment shall be the prime rate in effect
 530 for the first day of the month such payment is due, minus one per cent.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	22-26hh
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	7-131e(a)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	7-131g
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 12	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 14	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 15	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 16	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 17	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 18	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 19	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section

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