



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 7296**

LCO No. 4903

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE REPORTING OF PETROLEUM AND  
CHEMICAL SPILLS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 22a-450 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

3 The master of any ship, boat, barge or other vessel, or the person in  
4 charge of any terminal for the loading or unloading of any oil or  
5 petroleum or chemical liquids or solid, liquid or gaseous products, or  
6 hazardous wastes, or the person in charge of any establishment, or the  
7 operator of any vehicle, trailer or other machine which by accident,  
8 negligence or otherwise causes the discharge, spillage, uncontrolled  
9 loss, seepage or filtration of oil or petroleum or chemical liquids or  
10 solid, liquid or gaseous products, or hazardous wastes which such  
11 master or person reasonably determines poses a potential threat to  
12 human health or the environment, shall immediately report to the  
13 commissioner [such facts as the commissioner by regulation may  
14 require. Any such report shall include, but not be limited to,] the  
15 location, the quantity and the type of substance, material or waste, the  
16 date and the cause of the discharge, spillage, uncontrolled loss,

17 seepage or filtration, the name and address of the owner of the ship,  
18 boat, barge or other vessel, terminal, establishment, vehicle, trailer or  
19 machine, and the name and address of the person making the report  
20 and his relationship to the owner. The commissioner may adopt  
21 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to set specific thresholds or  
22 other requirements for the reporting of such discharge, spillage,  
23 uncontrolled loss, seepage or filtration. Any person who fails to make  
24 a report required by this section may be fined not more than one  
25 thousand dollars and the employer of such person may be fined not  
26 more than five thousand dollars, except that any person who fails to  
27 make a report relating to the discharge, spillage, uncontrolled loss,  
28 seepage or filtration of gasoline shall be fined not more than five  
29 thousand dollars and the employer of such person may be fined not  
30 more than ten thousand dollars.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |                        |         |
| Section 1   | <i>October 1, 2007</i> | 22a-450 |

**ENV**      *Joint Favorable*  
**JUD**      *Joint Favorable*