



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 414

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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT CONCERNING A LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS TERMINAL HAZARD ZONE.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) The Attorney General, in
2 consultation with the Commissioner of Emergency Management and
3 Homeland Security, shall make written recommendations to the
4 United States Coast Guard regarding the designation of a hazard zone
5 in relation to a liquefied natural gas terminal located or proposed to be
6 located on Long Island Sound that will impact Connecticut waters or
7 land, and shall submit such recommendations to the Governor and the
8 General Assembly in accordance with section 11-4a of the general
9 statutes.

10 (b) The Governor and the joint standing committees of the General
11 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment
12 and public safety shall approve the designation of a hazard zone in
13 relation to a liquefied natural gas terminal located or proposed to be
14 located on Long Island Sound that will impact Connecticut waters or
15 land prior to such designation by the United States Coast Guard taking
16 effect.

17 (c) The Attorney General shall file, in writing, notice of the United
18 States Coast Guard's designation of such a hazard zone with the clerks
19 of the House of Representatives and the Senate and the office of the
20 Governor.

21 (d) Not later than five days after receiving such notice, the clerks of
22 the House of Representatives and the Senate shall refer the notice to
23 the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
24 cognizance of matters relating to public safety and the environment.
25 The committees shall hold a joint public hearing regarding such notice
26 not later than thirty days after receiving the notice. Not later than five
27 days after the hearing, the committees shall each (1) hold a roll-call
28 vote to approve or reject the notice, and (2) forward the notice and a
29 record of the committee's vote to the General Assembly.

30 (e) Not later than fifteen days after receiving such notice the General
31 Assembly may approve or reject the notice. The notice shall be
32 approved in whole, by a majority vote of each house. If one house fails
33 to approve, the notice shall be rejected. If the General Assembly fails to
34 vote during such fifteen-day period, the notice shall be deemed
35 rejected. If the notice is submitted when the General Assembly is not in
36 session, the notice shall be deemed rejected if the General Assembly
37 fails to convene to consider the notice by the thirtieth day after it
38 receives the notice from the committee. The clerks of the House of
39 Representatives and the Senate shall notify the United States Coast
40 Guard, in writing, by registered mail of any approval or rejection
41 pursuant to this subsection.

42 (f) The Governor shall approve or reject the notice of the United
43 States Coast Guard's designation of such a hazard zone and shall
44 notify the United States Coast Guard, in writing, by registered mail of
45 such approval or rejection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2007	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To require the Commissioner of Emergency Management and Homeland Security and the Attorney General to make recommendations regarding any hazard zone designated in relation to a proposed liquefied natural gas terminal and to give the Governor and General Assembly the authority to approve such designation by the federal government.

[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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