



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 644

LCO No. 2890

Referred to Committee on Planning and Development

Introduced by:
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AN ACT CONCERNING THE TAKING OF PROPERTY FOR PRIVATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

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

1 That the general statutes be amended to restrict the use of eminent
2 domain by (1) prohibiting the use of eminent domain for property to
3 be used for economic development or property that is subsequently to
4 be used for economic development, and (2) defining "economic
5 development" as the acquisition of property for a commercial
6 enterprise, to increase tax revenue, tax base, employment or general
7 economic health, excluding (A) conveying property (i) for public
8 ownership for a public project; (ii) to an entity that makes property
9 available to the general public as of right; (iii) for use as a road or other
10 right-of-way, open to the public for transportation, whether free or by
11 toll; (iv) for use as an aqueduct, flood control facility, sewer system,
12 pipeline or similar public use and benefit; or (v) for use as a public
13 utility; (B) removing harmful land uses provided such uses constitute
14 an immediate threat to public health and safety; (C) leasing property to
15 a private person or entity that occupies an incidental part of a public
16 property or facility; (D) acquiring abandoned property; (E) clearing

17 defective title chains; and (F) redeveloping a brownfield.

Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit the taking of private property for private purposes.