



General Assembly

**Proposed Substitute
Bill No. 23**

February Session, 2008

LCO No. 3283

AN ACT CONCERNING GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) On or before April 1, 2009,
2 and April first of each odd-numbered year thereafter, each state
3 agency shall adopt and submit an energy conservation and climate
4 change action plan to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
5 Management and the Commissioner of Environmental Protection. Said
6 plan shall include an accounting of existing and future activities and
7 facilities improvements designed to meet energy savings goals, as
8 established by the Governor, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions
9 consistent with levels outlined in the 2005 climate change action plan,
10 developed pursuant to section 22a-200a of the general statutes. The
11 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, in conjunction with
12 the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, shall establish
13 guidelines for and review all state agency plans and report findings to
14 the Governor.

15 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 16a-40b of the 2008 supplement to
16 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
17 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

18 (b) Any such loan or deferred loan shall be available only for a
19 residential structure containing not more than four dwelling units,
20 shall be not less than four hundred dollars and not more than [twenty-
21 five] thirty-five thousand dollars per structure and, with respect to any
22 application received on or after November 29, 1979, shall be made only
23 to an applicant who submits evidence, satisfactory to the
24 commissioner, that the adjusted gross income of the household
25 member or members who contribute to the support of his household
26 was not in excess of [one hundred fifty] two hundred per cent of the
27 median area income by household size. In the case of a deferred loan,
28 the contract shall require that payments on interest are due
29 immediately but that payments on principal may be made at a later
30 time. Repayment of all loans made under this subsection shall be
31 subject to a rate of interest to be determined in accordance with
32 subsection (t) of section 3-20 and such terms and conditions as the
33 commissioner may establish. The State Bond Commission shall
34 establish a range of rates of interest payable on all loans under this
35 subsection and shall apply the range to applicants in accordance with a
36 formula which reflects their income. Such range shall be not less than
37 zero per cent for any applicant in the lowest income class and not more
38 than one per cent above the rate of interest borne by the general
39 obligation bonds of the state last issued prior to the most recent date
40 such range was established for any applicant for whom the adjusted
41 gross income of the household member or members who contribute to
42 the support of his household does not exceed one hundred fifty per
43 cent of the median area income by household size.

44 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) There is established a "green
45 collar jobs program", which shall be offered through the state-wide
46 system of regional vocational-technical schools established pursuant to
47 section 10-95 of the general statutes. Such program may include, but
48 not be limited to, training for energy efficient building, construction

49 and building retrofit trades and industries; residential, commercial or
50 industrial energy efficiency assessment; renewable energy
51 technologies; and sustainable climate change and environmental
52 compliance strategies.

53 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) (a) The operator of any motor
54 bus shall not operate the engine of any motor bus for more than three
55 consecutive minutes when the bus is not in motion except when (1)
56 traffic conditions or uncontrollable mechanical difficulties force the
57 bus to remain motionless, (2) operating the bus's heating, cooling or
58 auxiliary equipment is necessary to accomplish the intended use of the
59 bus, including, but not limited to, the operation of safety equipment,
60 (3) the outdoor temperature is below twenty degrees Fahrenheit, (4)
61 maintaining a safe temperature for students with special needs is
62 necessary, (5) the bus is being repaired, or (6) the operator is in the
63 process of receiving or discharging passengers on a public highway or
64 public road.

65 (b) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be
66 deemed to have committed an infraction for the first offense and for
67 each subsequent offense shall be fined not less than one hundred
68 dollars nor more than five hundred dollars.

69 (c) Each person who pays in any sum as a fine or forfeiture for any
70 violation of this section shall pay an additional fee of ten dollars. The
71 state shall remit to the municipality in which such violation occurred
72 the amount paid under this subsection. Each clerk of the Superior
73 Court or the Chief Court Administrator, or any other official of the
74 Superior Court designated by the Chief Court Administrator, on or
75 before the thirtieth day of January, April, July and October in each
76 year, shall certify to the Comptroller the amount due for the previous
77 quarter under this subsection to each municipality served by the office
78 of the clerk or official.

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

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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	16a-40b(b)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section