



General Assembly

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONTRACT POWERS OF THE
COMMISSIONER OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND
ESTABLISHING A CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS TASK FORCE.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2008*) (a) Not later than January
2 1, 2009, the Governor's Steering Committee on Climate Change shall
3 establish a Climate Change Impacts task force comprised of such state
4 agencies and experts as the Governor's Steering Committee on Climate
5 Change determines to be appropriate. Said task force shall (1) assess
6 the impacts of climate change on state and local infrastructure, public
7 health and natural resources and habitats in the state; (2) develop
8 recommendations and plans that, if adopted, would enable state and
9 local government to adapt to such impacts; and (3) provide technical
10 assistance to implement such recommendations and plans.

11 (b) On or before December 31, 2009, the task force shall report to the
12 Governor's Steering Committee on Climate Change on its assessment
13 of current state and private programs and research concerning the
14 projected impact of climate change in the state on: (1) Infrastructure,
15 including, but not limited to, buildings, roads, railroads, airports,
16 dams, reservoirs, and sewage treatment and water filtration facilities;
17 (2) natural resources and ecological habitats, including, but not limited
18 to, coastal and inland wetlands, forests and rivers; (3) public health;
19 and (4) agriculture. The task force may conduct one or more public

20 hearings regarding such assessment and regarding the
21 recommendations for further assessments of impacts on the resources
22 specified in subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive, of this subsection.

23 (c) On or before July 1, 2010, the task force shall report to the
24 Governor and the General Assembly, in accordance with the
25 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, containing the
26 results of its assessment in accordance with subsection (b) of this
27 section concerning its recommendations for changes to existing state
28 and municipal programs, laws or regulations to enable municipalities
29 and natural habitats to adapt to harmful climate change impacts and to
30 mitigate such impacts.

31 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 22a-174 of the general statutes is
32 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
33 *passage*):

34 (b) The commissioner shall have the power to [employ] (1) enter
35 into contracts with technical consultants, including, but not limited to,
36 nonprofit corporations created for the purpose of facilitating the state's
37 implementation of multi-state air pollution control programs, for
38 special studies, advice and assistance; to consult with and advise and
39 exchange information with other departments or agencies of the state;
40 and (2) serve on the board of directors of a nonprofit corporation,
41 including, but not limited to, a nonprofit corporation created for the
42 purpose of facilitating the state's implementation of multi-state air
43 pollution control programs.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	22a-174(b)

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