



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5851

LCO No. 2864

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING A CONNECTICUT URBAN FORESTRY PROGRAM.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than September
2 1, 2009, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall establish
3 an urban forestry pilot program to provide grants to the municipalities
4 of Hartford, Bridgeport and New Haven to assist such municipalities
5 to establish urban forestry programs to plant, inventory and maintain
6 trees within their respective boundaries.

7 (b) In the event that one or more of the municipalities specified in
8 subsection (a) of this section waives its right to participate in such pilot
9 program, any other urban municipality may apply to the
10 commissioner to participate in the pilot program in accordance with
11 procedures prescribed by the Commissioner of Environmental
12 Protection. Timely requests for participation in the pilot program shall
13 be reviewed in the order in which they were received.

14 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of \$ ____ dollars is
15 appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection, from the

- 16 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, to implement
17 the provisions of section 1 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a state-based and funded urban forestry pilot program.

[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.]