



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 570

LCO No. 2714

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Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology

Introduced by:
(ET)

AN ACT CONCERNING TELECOMMUTING.

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

1 Section 1. Section 12-81 of the 2008 supplement to the general
2 statutes is amended by adding subdivision (77) as follows (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2008*):

4 (NEW) (77) Effective for assessment years commencing on or after
5 October 1, 2010, new computer servers, fiber optic wire and equipment
6 or newly acquired computer servers, fiber optic wire and equipment,
7 provided (A) such equipment is used by a telecommunications
8 company in connection with updating existing or establishing new
9 broadband or wireless Internet service infrastructure, and (B) functions
10 at a speed or transfer rate equal to or exceeding five megabytes per
11 second. The exemption available pursuant to this subdivision is only
12 applicable to the same equipment for two consecutive assessment
13 years.

14 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008, and applicable to income years*
15 *commencing on or after January 1, 2008*) (a) For purposes of this section,
16 "full-time employee" means an employee required to work at least

17 thirty-five hours per week, and does not include a temporary or
18 seasonal employee.

19 (b) There shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by
20 chapter 208 of the general statutes on any corporation that allows its
21 full-time employees to participate in a telecommuting or work-at-
22 home program in an amount equal to two thousand dollars for each
23 calendar year such program is in place.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2008</i> | 12-81 |
| Sec. 2 | <i>July 1, 2008, and applicable to income years commencing on or after January 1, 2008</i> | New section |

Statement of Purpose:

To promote energy conservation by providing property tax credits for expenditures on development of CT high speed Internet infrastructure and providing tax credits for employers participating in telecommuting programs.

[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.]