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"AN ACT CONCERNING ENERGY ASSISTANCE."

1 Strike section 6 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

2 "Sec. 6. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of \$15,000,000 is

3 appropriated from the funds credited to the General Fund for the fiscal

4 year ending June 30, 2009, pursuant to subsection (a) of section 1 of this

5 act to the Office of Policy and Management, for the fiscal year ending

6 June 30, 2009, for the purpose of expanding Operation Fuel,

7 Incorporated, to provide emergency home heating assistance from

8 November 1, 2008, to April 30, 2009, inclusive, to households within

9 the state with income equal to or greater than two hundred per cent of

10 the applicable federal poverty level, but equal to or less than one

11 hundred per cent of the applicable state median household income,

12 that are unable to make timely payments on deliverable fuel, electricity

13 or natural gas bills. Operation Fuel, Incorporated, shall pay emergency

14 home heating assistance provided pursuant to this section directly to

15 fuel vendors, municipal utilities furnishing electricity or natural gas or

16 electric or natural gas companies, as defined in section 16-1 of the 2008
17 supplement to the general statutes, as amended by section 1 of public
18 act 08-77 and section 4 of public act 08-185. For purposes of this
19 section, "state median household income" shall be determined by using
20 the most recent state median income figures published by the
21 Department of Social Services."

22 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
23 internal references accordingly:

24 "Sec. 501. Subparagraph (D) of subdivision (3) of section 12-412 of
25 the 2008 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the
26 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage, and*
27 *applicable to sales occurring on or after September 1, 2008*):

28 (D) The sale or furnishing of electricity, not subject to the exemption
29 under subparagraph (A) of this subsection, with respect to that portion
30 of the charges applicable to such electricity for any month of service
31 which is not in excess of [one hundred fifty] five hundred dollars.

32 Sec. 502. (*Effective from passage*) On or before November 1, 2008,
33 Operation Fuel, Incorporated, shall establish a one-time clean-slate
34 program to target low-income persons with high utility bill arrearages.
35 The program shall provide a one-time grant based on a person's
36 income and arrearage amount. For purposes of the program, only
37 arrearages of twenty-four months or less shall be considered. Grants
38 shall not exceed one thousand dollars. The program shall include case
39 management services, including, but not limited to, budget counseling
40 and assistance with utility payment programs. The program shall
41 terminate on October 31, 2009.

42 Sec. 503. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of \$3,000,000 is
43 appropriated from the funds credited to the General Fund for the fiscal
44 year ending June 30, 2009, pursuant to subsection (a) of section 1 of this
45 act to the Office of Policy and Management, for the fiscal year ending
46 June 30, 2009, for the purpose of implementing the clean-slate program
47 pursuant to section 502 of this act.

48 Sec. 504. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of \$5,000,000 is
49 appropriated from the funds credited to the General Fund pursuant to
50 section 1 of this act, to the Department of Public Utility Control, for the
51 fiscal year ending June 30, 2009. The department shall allocate such
52 funds to the Energy Conservation and Load Management Funds for
53 the provision of conservation services to residential and small business
54 customers.

55 Sec. 505. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established an account to
56 be known as the "victims of home heating oil company closure
57 account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within the
58 General Fund. Moneys in the account shall be expended by the Office
59 of Policy and Management for the purposes of reimbursing customers
60 of any home heating oil company, who had paid for oil that had not
61 yet been delivered when such company closed for business. The
62 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall develop criteria
63 for determining eligibility for such reimbursement, which shall include
64 a deduction from such reimbursement for any amounts previously
65 repaid to such customers.

66 (b) The sum of \$3,500,000 is appropriated from the funds credited to
67 the General Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, pursuant to
68 subsection (a) of section 1 of this act to the Office of Policy and
69 Management, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, to be deposited
70 into the victims of home heating oil company closure account
71 established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

72 Sec. 506. (*Effective from passage*) After appropriations have been
73 made pursuant to sections 5 to 10, inclusive, and 501 to 505, inclusive,
74 of this act from the funds credited to the General Fund for the fiscal
75 year ending June 30, 2009, pursuant to subsection (a) of section 1 of this
76 act, the remainder of such funds shall be deemed unappropriated
77 surplus with respect to the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, and shall
78 be deposited in the Budget Reserve Fund, as provided in section 4-30a
79 of the general statutes."