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**"AN ACT CONCERNING ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
POLICE OFFICERS."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 16a-40b of the 2008 supplement to the general
4 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
5 (*Effective from passage*):

6 (a) The commissioner, acting on behalf of the state, may, with
7 respect to loans for which funds have been authorized by the State
8 Bond Commission prior to July 1, 1992, in [his] the commissioner's
9 discretion make low-cost loans or deferred loans to residents of this
10 state for the purchase and installation in residential structures of
11 insulation, alternative energy devices, energy conservation materials,
12 and replacement furnaces and boilers, approved in accordance with
13 regulations to be adopted by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and

14 Management. In the purchase and installation of insulation in new
15 residential structures, only that insulation which exceeds the
16 requirements of the State Building Code shall be eligible for such loans
17 or deferred loans. The commissioner may also make low-cost loans or
18 deferred loans to persons in the state residing in dwellings constructed
19 not later than December 31, 1979, and for which the primary source of
20 heating since such date has been electric resistance, for (1) the purchase
21 and installation of a high-efficiency secondary heating system using a
22 source of heat other than electric resistance, (2) the conversion of a
23 primary electric heating system to a high-efficiency system using a
24 source of heat other than electric resistance, or (3) the purchase and
25 installation of a high-efficiency combination heating and cooling
26 system. As used in this subsection, "high-efficiency" means having a
27 seasonal energy efficiency ratio of 11.0 or higher, or a heating season
28 performance factor of 7.2 or higher, as designated by the American
29 Refrigeration Institute in the Directory of Certified Unitary Air
30 Conditioners, Air Source Heat Pumps and Outdoor Unitary
31 Equipment, as from time to time amended, or an equivalent ratio for a
32 fossil fuel system.

33 (b) Any such loan or deferred loan shall be available only for a
34 residential structure containing not more than four dwelling units,
35 shall be not less than four hundred dollars and not more than [twenty-
36 five] thirty-five thousand dollars per structure and, with respect to any
37 application received on or after November 29, 1979, shall be made only
38 to an applicant who submits evidence, satisfactory to the
39 commissioner, that the adjusted gross income of the household
40 member or members who contribute to the support of his household
41 was not in excess of [one hundred fifty] two hundred per cent of the
42 median area income by household size. In the case of a deferred loan,
43 the contract shall require that payments on interest are due
44 immediately but that payments on principal may be made at a later
45 time. Repayment of all loans made under this subsection shall be
46 subject to a rate of interest to be determined in accordance with
47 subsection (t) of section 3-20 and such terms and conditions as the

48 commissioner may establish. The State Bond Commission shall
49 establish a range of rates of interest payable on all loans under this
50 subsection and shall apply the range to applicants in accordance with a
51 formula which reflects their income. Such range shall be not less than
52 zero per cent for any applicant in the lowest income class and not more
53 than one per cent above the rate of interest borne by the general
54 obligation bonds of the state last issued prior to the most recent date
55 such range was established for any applicant for whom the adjusted
56 gross income of the household member or members who contribute to
57 the support of his household does not exceed one hundred fifty per
58 cent of the median area income by household size.

59 (c) The commissioner shall establish a program under which [he]
60 the commissioner shall make funds deposited in the Energy
61 Conservation Loan Fund available for low-cost loans or deferred loans
62 under subsection (a) of this section for residential structures containing
63 more than four dwelling units, or for contracts guaranteeing payment
64 of loans or deferred loans provided by private institutions for such
65 structures for the purposes specified under subsection (a) of this
66 section. Any such loan or deferred loan shall be an amount equaling
67 not more than two thousand dollars multiplied by the number of
68 dwelling units in such structure, provided no such loan or deferred
69 loan shall exceed sixty thousand dollars. If the applicant seeks a loan
70 or deferred loan for a structure containing more than thirty dwelling
71 units, [he] such applicant shall include in [his] the application a
72 commitment to make comparable energy improvements of benefit to
73 all dwelling units in the structure in addition to the thirty units which
74 are eligible for the loan or deferred loan. Applications for contracts of
75 guarantee shall be limited to structures containing not more than thirty
76 dwelling units and the amount of the guarantee shall be not more than
77 three thousand dollars for each dwelling unit benefiting from the loan
78 or deferred loan. There shall not be an income eligibility limitation for
79 applicants for such loans, deferred loans or guarantees, but the
80 commissioner shall give preference to applications for loans, deferred
81 loans or guarantees for such structures which are occupied by persons

82 of low or moderate income. Repayment of such loans or deferred loans
83 shall be subject to such rates of interest, terms and conditions as the
84 commissioner shall establish. The state shall have a lien on each
85 property for which a loan, deferred loan or guarantee has been made
86 under this section to ensure compliance with such terms and
87 conditions.

88 (d) With respect to [such] any loans made under this section on or
89 after July 1, 1981, all repayments of principal shall be paid to the State
90 Treasurer for deposit in the Housing Repayment and Revolving Loan
91 Fund. The interest applicable to any such loans made shall be paid to
92 the State Treasurer for deposit in the General Fund. After the close of
93 each fiscal year, commencing with the close of the fiscal year ending
94 June 30, 1992, and prior to the date of the calculation required under
95 subsection (f) of this section, the Commissioner of Economic and
96 Community Development shall cause any balance of loan repayments
97 under this section remaining in said fund to be transferred to the
98 Energy Conservation Loan Fund created pursuant to section 16a-40a,
99 as amended by this act.

100 (e) The commissioner shall adopt regulations in accordance with
101 chapter 54, with respect to any loan made pursuant to subsections (a)
102 to (c), inclusive, of this section, (1) concerning qualifications for such
103 loans or deferred loans, requirements and limitations as to adjustments
104 of terms and conditions of repayment and any additional requirements
105 deemed necessary to carry out the provisions of this section and to
106 assure that those tax-exempt bonds and notes used to fund such loans
107 or deferred loans qualify for exemption from federal income taxation,
108 (2) providing for the maximum feasible availability of such loans or
109 deferred loans for dwelling units owned or occupied by persons of low
110 and moderate income, (3) establishing procedures to inform such
111 persons of the availability of such loans or deferred loans and to
112 encourage and assist them to apply for such loans or deferred loans,
113 and (4) providing that (A) the interest payments received from the
114 recipients of loans or deferred loans made on and after July 1, 1982,
115 less the expenses incurred by the commissioner in the implementation

116 of the program of loans, deferred loans and loan guarantees under this
117 section, and (B) the payments received from electric and gas
118 companies under subsection (f) of this section shall be applied to
119 reimburse the General Fund for interest on the outstanding bonds and
120 notes used to fund such loans or deferred loans made on or after July
121 1, 1982.

122 (f) Not later than August first, annually, the commissioner shall
123 calculate the difference between (1) the weighted average of the
124 percentage rates of interest payable on all subsidized loans made (A)
125 after July 1, 1982, from the Energy Conservation Loan Fund, (B) from
126 the Home Heating System Loan Fund established under section 16a-
127 40k, and (C) from the Housing Repayment and Revolving Loan Fund
128 pursuant to this section, and (2) the average of the percentage rates of
129 interest on any bonds and notes issued pursuant to section 3-20, which
130 have been dedicated to the energy conservation loan program and
131 used to fund such loans, and multiply such difference by the
132 outstanding amount of all such loans, or such lesser amount as may be
133 required under Section 103(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or
134 any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United
135 States, as from time to time amended. The product of such difference
136 and such applicable amount shall not exceed six per cent of the sum of
137 the outstanding principal amount at the end of each fiscal year of all
138 loans or deferred loans made (A) on or after July 1, 1982, from the
139 Energy Conservation Loan Fund, (B) from the Home Heating System
140 Loan Fund established under section 16a-40k, and (C) from the
141 Housing Repayment and Revolving Loan Fund pursuant to this
142 section, and the balance remaining in the Energy Conservation Loan
143 Fund and the balance of energy conservation loan repayments in the
144 Housing Repayment and Revolving Loan Fund. Not later than
145 September first, annually, the Department of Public Utility Control
146 shall allocate such product among each electric and gas company
147 having at least seventy-five thousand customers, in accordance with a
148 formula taking into account, without limitation, the average number of
149 residential customers of each company. Not later than October first,

150 annually, each such company shall pay its assessed amount to the
151 commissioner. The commissioner shall pay to the State Treasurer for
152 deposit in the General Fund all such payments from electric and gas
153 companies, and shall adopt procedures to assure that such payments
154 are not used for purposes other than those specifically provided in this
155 section. The department shall include each company's payment as an
156 operating expense of the company for the purposes of rate-making
157 under section 16-19.

158 Sec. 502. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Renewable Energy
159 Investments Board, established pursuant to section 16-245n of the 2008
160 supplement to the general statutes, shall establish a residential
161 photovoltaic rebate program to encourage homeowners to install
162 residential photovoltaic systems. The program may provide for a
163 rebate up to fifty-one thousand five hundred dollars for ten kilowatt
164 systems for qualifying projects. The board shall accept applications
165 from June 1, 2008, to December 31, 2008. The cost of said program shall
166 be paid from the Renewable Energy Investment Fund. Any balance of
167 cost borne by the homeowner shall be an allowable cost qualifying for
168 financing pursuant to subsection (a) of section 16a-40b of the general
169 statutes, as amended by this act.

170 (b) The Renewable Energy Investments Board shall provide
171 informational inserts on the program established pursuant to
172 subsection (a) of this section to the electric distribution companies to
173 insert in utility customers' monthly bills. All costs associated with this
174 informational insert shall be at the expense of the Renewable Energy
175 Investment Fund.

176 Sec. 503. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2008*) (a) No person shall cause
177 or allow a motor bus, as defined in section 14-1 of the 2008 supplement
178 to the general statutes, to operate for more than three consecutive
179 minutes when such motor bus is not in motion, except when (1) traffic
180 conditions or mechanical difficulties over which the operator has no
181 control force a motor bus to remain motionless; (2) the operator is in
182 the process of receiving or discharging passengers; (3) operating the

183 bus's heating, cooling or auxiliary equipment is necessary to
184 accomplish the intended use of the motor bus, including, but not
185 limited to, the operation of safety equipment; (4) maintaining a safe
186 temperature for passengers with special needs is necessary; (5) the
187 outdoor temperature is below twenty degrees Fahrenheit; or (6) the
188 motor bus is undergoing maintenance.

189 (b) A person who violates any provision of this section shall, for a
190 first offense, be deemed to have committed an infraction and for each
191 subsequent offense shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor
192 more than five hundred dollars.

193 Sec. 504. Subsection (d) of section 51-56a of the general statutes is
194 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
195 *October 1, 2008*):

196 (d) Each person who pays in any sum as a fine or forfeiture for any
197 violation of sections 14-218a, 14-219, 14-222, 14-223, 14-227a, sections
198 14-230 to 14-240, inclusive, sections 14-241 to 14-249, inclusive, section
199 14-279 for the first offense, sections 14-289b, 14-299, 14-301 to 14-303,
200 inclusive, section 12 of this act or any regulation adopted under said
201 sections or ordinance enacted in accordance with said sections shall
202 pay an additional fee of ten dollars. The state shall remit to the
203 municipalities in which the violations occurred the amounts paid
204 under this subsection. Each clerk of the Superior Court or the Chief
205 Court Administrator, or any other official of the Superior Court
206 designated by the Chief Court Administrator, on or before the thirtieth
207 day of January, April, July and October in each year, shall certify to the
208 Comptroller the amount due for the previous quarter under this
209 subsection to each municipality served by the office of the clerk or
210 official.

211 Sec. 505. Subdivision (8) of section 16a-4a of the general statutes is
212 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
213 *1, 2008*):

214 (8) Provide technical assistance to [municipalities that want] any

215 municipality that chooses to aggregate electric generation services.
216 Such assistance shall include establishing a program to share
217 knowledge, experience and information with each such municipality
218 on energy procurement, including, but not limited to, electricity.

219 Sec. 506. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) (a) Between July 1, 2008, and
220 July 1, 2017, inclusive, the Fuel Oil Conservation Board, established
221 pursuant to section 16a-22l of the 2008 supplement to the general
222 statutes, in consultation with the Energy Conservation Management
223 Board, established pursuant to section 16-245m of the 2008 supplement
224 to the general statutes, shall develop and establish a program to
225 provide a rebate in the amount of five hundred dollars for the
226 purchase and installation in residential structures of replacement
227 propane and oil furnaces and boilers that are not less than eighty-four
228 per cent efficient and natural gas furnaces or boilers that meet or
229 exceed federal Energy Star standards. Such rebates shall not exceed
230 two million dollars in the aggregate per year. Such rebates shall only
231 be available for residential structures containing not more than four
232 dwelling units.

233 (b) The rebate program established pursuant to subsection (a) of this
234 section shall be paid from funds available under the fuel oil
235 conservation account, established pursuant to subdivision (3) of
236 subsection (e) of section 16a-22l of the 2008 supplement to the general
237 statutes, and the account established pursuant to subsection (b) of
238 section 16-32f of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes.

239 (c) On or before January 1, 2010, the Energy Conservation
240 Management Board and the Fuel Oil Conservation Board shall report
241 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
242 cognizance of matters relating to energy the results of the rebate
243 program established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

244 Sec. 507. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) (a) There is established a
245 "green collar jobs program", which shall be offered through the state-
246 wide system of regional vocational-technical schools established

247 pursuant to section 10-95 of the general statutes. Such program may
248 include, but not be limited to, training for energy efficient building,
249 construction and building retrofit trades and industries; residential,
250 commercial or industrial energy efficiency assessment; renewable
251 energy technologies; and sustainable climate change and
252 environmental compliance strategies.

253 (b) Funding for the green collar jobs program shall be made
254 available under the fuel oil conservation account, established pursuant
255 to subdivision (3) of subsection (e) of section 16a-22l of the 2008
256 supplement to the general statutes; the Energy Conservation and Load
257 Management Fund, established pursuant to subsection (b) of section
258 16-245m of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes; and the
259 account established pursuant to subsection (b) of section 16-32f of the
260 2008 supplement to the general statutes. Funding for the program shall
261 not exceed one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars for the fiscal
262 year commencing July 1, 2008."