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"AN ACT CONCERNING ENERGY ASSISTANCE."

1 Strike section 7 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

2 "Sec. 7. (*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 Strike subsection (a) of section 16 in its entirety and insert the
23 following in lieu thereof:

24 "Sec. 16. (*Effective from passage*) (a) After appropriations have been
25 made pursuant to sections 6 to 13, inclusive, 15 to 19, inclusive, and
26 501 to 505, inclusive, of this act from the funds credited to the General
27 Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, pursuant to subsection
28 (a) of section 1 of this act, the remainder of such funds shall be deemed
29 unappropriated surplus with respect to the fiscal year ending June 30,
30 2008, and shall be deposited in the Budget Reserve Fund, as provided
31 in section 4-30a of the general statutes."

32 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
33 internal references accordingly:

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35 the 2008 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the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

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

42 Sec. 502. (*Effective from passage*) On or before November 1, 2008,
43 Operation Fuel, Incorporated, shall establish a one-time clean-slate
44 program to target low-income persons with high utility bill arrearages.
45 The program shall provide a one-time grant based on a person's
46 income and arrearage amount. For purposes of the program, only

47 arrearages of twenty-four months or less shall be considered. Grants
48 shall not exceed one thousand dollars. The program shall include case
49 management services, including, but not limited to, budget counseling
50 and assistance with utility payment programs. The program shall
51 terminate on October 31, 2009.

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

58 Sec. 504. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of \$5,000,000 is
59 appropriated from the funds credited to the General Fund pursuant to
60 section 1 of this act, to the Department of Public Utility Control, for the
61 fiscal year ending June 30, 2009. The department shall allocate such
62 funds to the Energy Conservation and Loan Management Funds for
63 the provision of conservation services to residential and small business
64 customers.

65 Sec. 505. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established an account to
66 be known as the "victims of home heating oil company closure
67 account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within the
68 General Fund. Moneys in the account shall be expended by the Office
69 of Policy and Management for the purposes of reimbursing customers
70 of any home heating oil company, who had paid for oil that had not
71 yet been delivered when such company closed for business. The
72 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall develop criteria
73 for determining eligibility for such reimbursement, which shall include
74 a deduction from such reimbursement for any amounts previously
75 repaid to such customers.

76 (b) The sum of \$3,500,000 is appropriated from the funds credited to
77 the General Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, pursuant to
78 subsection (a) of section 1 of this act to the Office of Policy and

79 Management, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, to be deposited
80 into the victims of home heating oil company closure account
81 established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section."