



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5792**

January Session, 2009

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**AN ACT CONCERNING EFFICIENCY STANDARDS FOR  
RESIDENTIAL AUTOMATIC LAWN SPRINKLER SYSTEMS.**

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

1       Section 1. Section 29-265b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

3       (a) Any state agency or commercial enterprise that begins  
4 installation of an automatic lawn sprinkler system on or after October  
5 1, 2003, shall equip such sprinkler system with a rain sensor device or  
6 switch that will automatically override the irrigation cycle of such  
7 sprinkler system when adequate rainfall has occurred.

8       (b) A municipality may, by ordinance adopted by its legislative  
9 body, require that any automatic lawn sprinkler system, the  
10 installation of which begins on or after October 1, 2003, shall be  
11 equipped with a rain sensor device or switch that will automatically  
12 override the irrigation cycle of such sprinkler system when adequate  
13 rainfall has occurred.

14       (c) Any automatic lawn sprinkler system installed on residential  
15 property on or after July 1, 2010, shall be equipped with a rain sensor  
16 device or switch that will automatically override the irrigation cycle of  
17 such sprinkler system when adequate rainfall has occurred.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	29-265b
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**GL**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*