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Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE FREEDOM TO DRY.

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

1 That the general statutes be amended to prohibit (1) any governing
2 body from imposing an ordinance, regulation or other restriction
3 prohibiting the drying of clothes using direct solar energy through the
4 use of clotheslines, drying racks or other apparatus in any residential
5 setting, or (2) any deed restrictions, covenants, landlord-tenant
6 agreements, private contracts or similar binding agreements running
7 with the land from prohibiting the drying of clothes using direct solar
8 energy through the use of clotheslines, drying racks or other apparatus
9 in any residential setting, provided such clotheslines or drying racks
10 do not affect public safety, including, but not limited to, hampering
11 access to public buildings or impeding rapid emergency egress.
12 Notwithstanding the consideration for public safety, a governing body
13 may prohibit the drying of clothes using direct solar energy through
14 the use of clotheslines or drying racks in any residential setting if (A)

15 nonpermanent alternatives, such as folding racks, would provide the
16 same drying service as permanent installations of clotheslines and
17 supporting structures; (B) functionally equivalent alternate drying
18 facilities, such as indoor drying rooms, are available, provided said
19 facilities do not rely on the use of electricity or fossil fuels specifically
20 for drying; or (C) such prohibitions incorporate aesthetic
21 considerations, provided such restrictions do not substantially
22 interfere with access to direct solar energy for drying purposes.

Statement of Purpose:

To facilitate energy conservation.