



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1071

LCO No. 4071

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Referred to Committee on Commerce

Introduced by:

(CE)

AN ACT CONCERNING GREEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2009*) (a) Any municipality that
2 is eligible for small town economic assistance under section 4-66g of
3 the general statutes may designate, by ordinance adopted by its
4 legislative body, a green economic development zone within the
5 municipality. Such ordinance shall identify a specific geographic area
6 as such zone and establish criteria and goals for economic activity in
7 the zone.

8 (b) Upon designation of a green economic development zone under
9 subsection (a) of this section, the municipality may apply to the
10 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development for state
11 approval of the designation. The municipality seeking the approval of
12 the commissioner for designation of an area of the municipality as a
13 green economic development zone shall file with the commissioner a
14 preliminary application. Not later than sixty days after receipt of such
15 a preliminary application, the commissioner shall indicate to the
16 municipality, in writing, any recommendations for improving the

17 municipality's application.

18 (c) Businesses located within a green economic development zone
19 shall be entitled to the same benefits, subject to the same conditions,
20 under the general statutes for which businesses located in an
21 enterprise zone qualify.

22 (d) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development
23 shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54 of the general
24 statutes, to implement this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2009	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To encourage green businesses and economic development by establishing green economic development zones.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]