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"AN ACT CONCERNING METROPOLITAN DISTRICTS."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 2 of number 511 of the special acts of 1929, as
4 amended by number 327 of the special acts of 1931, section 1 of special
5 act 79-102, section 1 of special act 81-56 and section 1 of special act 90-27,
6 is amended to read as follows (*Effective from passage*):

7 Said district shall have within its territorial limits, except as
8 hereinafter provided, the following powers and duties:

9 (a) The layout, construction maintenance, paving, repair,
10 improvement, widening, extension, alteration and discontinuance of
11 public highways, streets, walks, bridges, viaducts and ways, street
12 lighting and sprinkling, the removal of snow and ice and the
13 establishment of street, building and veranda lines, provided the
14 authority of said district shall include only such streets and highways

15 as enter more than one of the towns of said district or shall form a
16 boundary or part of a boundary between two or more of such towns,
17 and have, from time to time, been designated and described or laid out
18 by vote of the district board, or streets or highways existing or
19 proposed, which are voluntarily turned over to said district by any
20 town or city within said district acting through the duly constituted
21 authority of any such town or city having authority to lay out
22 highways and have been accepted by said district; (b) the layout,
23 building, creation, maintenance, improvement, alteration, repair and
24 discontinuance of sewers and sanitary systems and plants for the
25 disposal of sewage, the collection and disposal of garbage and refuse,
26 the planning, design, construction and the control, operation and
27 maintenance of resource recovery facilities utilizing processes aimed at
28 reclaiming the material for energy values from solid waste or other
29 solid waste or refuse disposal facilities designed to recover resources
30 from materials that are useless, unwanted or discarded, including
31 contracting with the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority with
32 respect to the planning, design, construction, operation, ownership,
33 maintenance or other function deemed necessary, convenient or
34 desirable by the district with respect to the foregoing, the construction
35 of drains for water or sewage and the control and maintenance of all
36 the foregoing in the public highways and elsewhere throughout the
37 district, together with such control of the streams and water courses of
38 said district as is necessary or convenient for the foregoing as
39 hereinafter more particularly stated; for the purposes of effectuating
40 and carrying out any contract with the Connecticut Resources
41 Recovery Authority, as described in this section, the Metropolitan
42 District shall be deemed to be a municipal authority within the
43 meaning of chapter 361b of the general statutes, and shall have,
44 notwithstanding any other provisions of law, full power to provide for
45 and regulate the collection and disposal of all garbage, trash, waste
46 and ashes either by contract or otherwise within the district provided
47 that the district board has adopted a solid waste management plan in
48 conformity with chapter 361a of the general statutes; (c) the creation,
49 maintenance, extension, improvement, alteration, repair and operation

50 of a water system including the impounding of water both within and
51 without the territorial limits of said district, and the transmission and
52 transportation of the same and the sale and delivery at retail or
53 otherwise by means of a pipe system or otherwise; (d) the construction,
54 maintenance, improvement, operation, alteration and repair of
55 hydroelectric dams both within and without the territorial limits of
56 said district, and the transmission, sale and distribution of electricity
57 produced by hydroelectric dams to public service companies,
58 municipal electric energy cooperatives, municipal utilities or
59 municipalities; (e) the creation, establishment and maintenance of
60 active recreational and educational facilities, including the ownership,
61 construction, improvement, extension, operation and maintenance of a
62 public golf course, managed on a for-profit basis, and any and all
63 facilities customarily appurtenant thereto, including clubhouse, pro
64 shop and restaurant; the lease of all or any part of any park or active
65 recreational or educational facility upon any such terms or conditions
66 and for such term of years as the district board may deem advisable
67 where, in the determination of said board, such lease or leases are for
68 commercial uses related to the public uses of the facility; the
69 establishment, charging, collection and revision of fees, rents and other
70 charges for the use of any such facility, and the provision by ordinance
71 for the management and operation of any such facility, provided the
72 powers granted pursuant to this subsection shall only be exercised on
73 nonreservoir lands located in the towns of Glastonbury or Manchester;
74 (f) for the period from the effective date of this section until ten years
75 thereafter, the sponsorship of projects that may include the following:
76 (1) A water exhibit at the Connecticut Science Center and the
77 establishment of charges for such exhibit, in an amount not exceeding
78 one million five hundred thousand dollars during such period, and (2)
79 a water quality education program at The Children's Museum, Inc.,
80 and the establishment of charges for such program in an amount not
81 exceeding five hundred thousand dollars during such period; (g) in
82 connection with any of the foregoing functions, said district shall have,
83 so far as may be necessary for the convenient carrying out of all or any
84 of the foregoing functions, exclusive control of engineering, control of

85 finance, the right to lay and collect taxes, the right to borrow money
86 and to pledge the credit of the district, as security therefor, the right to
87 issue evidences of indebtedness for and in behalf of said district and
88 such other necessary or convenient auxiliary and collateral functions as
89 are hereinafter indicated, including the right to take property by right
90 of eminent domain, the right to assess benefits and damages in the
91 layout of any public improvement included within the scope of the
92 powers herein granted and generally the powers granted to municipal
93 corporations by the general statutes so far as may relate to functions
94 hereby transferred."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	Number 511 of the special acts of 1929, Sec. 2