



**Substitute House Bill No. 6249**

**Public Act No. 11-245**

**AN ACT REQUIRING THE ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS FOR THE SITING OF WIND PROJECTS.**

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

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2011*) (a) On or before July 1, 2012, the Connecticut Siting Council, in consultation with the Department of Public Utility Control and the Department of Environmental Protection, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, concerning the siting of wind turbines. Such regulations shall include, but not be limited to, (1) a consideration of (A) setbacks, including considerations of tower height and distance from neighboring properties; (B) flicker; (C) a requirement for the developer to decommission the facility at the end of its useful life; (D) different requirements for projects of different sizes; (E) ice throw; (F) blade shear; (G) noise; and (H) impact on natural resources; and (2) a requirement for a public hearing for wind turbine projects.

(b) The Connecticut Siting Council shall not act on any application or petition for siting of a wind turbine until after the adoption of regulations pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

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