



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6249

LCO No. 2640

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Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology

Introduced by:

(ET)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM ON THE SITING OF WIND PROJECTS UNTIL THE ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS.

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

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

13 (b) The Connecticut Siting Council shall temporarily suspend action
14 on any application for siting of a wind turbine until the adoption of
15 regulations pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. For any wind
16 turbine application submitted to the siting council on or before the

17 effective date of this section, the siting council shall resume
18 consideration of such application upon adoption of such regulations
19 and shall allow such applicant the opportunity to satisfy the regulation
20 requirements.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Connecticut Siting Council to adopt regulations for wind turbine projects and put a moratorium on any applications until such regulations are adopted.

[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.]