



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6249

January Session, 2011

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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:

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 act on any application for
14 siting of a wind turbine after the adoption of regulations pursuant to
15 subsection (a) of this section. For any wind turbine application
16 submitted to the siting council on or before the effective date of this
17 section, the siting council shall resume consideration of such
18 application upon adoption of such regulations and shall allow such
19 applicant the opportunity to satisfy the regulation requirements.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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ET *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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