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Referred to Committee on Appropriations

Introduced by:
(APP)

AN ACT CONCERNING JOB CREATION AND HABITAT RESTORATION.

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

1 Section 1. Section 14-21e of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) On and after January 1, 1993, the Commissioner of Motor
4 Vehicles shall issue Long Island Sound commemorative number plates
5 of a design to enhance public awareness of the state's effort to restore
6 and protect Long Island Sound. Said design shall be determined by
7 agreement between the Commissioner of Environmental Protection
8 and the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. No use shall be made of
9 such plates except as official registration marker plates.

10 (b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall establish, by
11 regulations adopted in accordance with chapter 54, a fee to be charged
12 for Long Island Sound commemorative number plates in addition to
13 the regular fee or fees prescribed for the registration of a motor vehicle.
14 The fee shall be for such number plates with letters and numbers
15 selected by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. The Commissioner of

16 Motor Vehicles may establish a higher fee for: (1) Such number plates
17 which contain letters in place of numbers as authorized by section 14-
18 49, in addition to the fee or fees prescribed for plates issued under said
19 section; and (2) such number plates which are low number plates, in
20 accordance with section 14-160, in addition to the fee or fees prescribed
21 for plates issued under said section. The Commissioner of Motor
22 Vehicles shall establish, by regulations adopted in accordance with the
23 provisions of chapter 54, an additional voluntary lighthouse
24 preservation donation which shall be deposited in the Connecticut
25 Lighthouse Preservation account established under section 22a-27n.
26 All fees established and collected pursuant to this section shall be
27 deposited in the Long Island Sound account established pursuant to
28 section 22a-27v, as amended by this act.

29 (c) ~~[No]~~ Except as provided by subsection (d) of this section, no
30 additional renewal fee shall be charged for renewal of registration for
31 any motor vehicle bearing Long Island Sound commemorative number
32 plates which contain letters in place of numbers, or low number plates,
33 in excess of the renewal fee for Long Island Sound commemorative
34 number plates with letters and numbers selected by the Commissioner
35 of Motor Vehicles. No transfer fee shall be charged for transfer of an
36 existing registration to or from a registration with Long Island Sound
37 commemorative number plates.

38 (d) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may request an additional
39 voluntary donation of fifteen dollars at the time of registration renewal
40 for any motor vehicle bearing a Long Island Sound commemorative
41 number plate. Five dollars of the donation may be dedicated to the
42 administrative costs of the Department of Motor Vehicles. Ten dollars
43 of such donation shall be deposited in the habitat restoration matching
44 subaccount, established pursuant to section 22a-27v, as amended by
45 this act.

46 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, in consultation with
47 the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, shall adopt
48 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to

49 establish standards and procedures for the issuance, renewal and
50 replacement of Long Island Sound commemorative number plates.

51 Sec. 2. Section 22a-27v of the general statutes is repealed and the
52 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

53 (a) There is established an account to be known as the "Long Island
54 Sound account". The Long Island Sound account shall be a separate,
55 nonlapsing account of the General Fund. Any moneys required by law
56 to be deposited in the account shall be deposited in and credited to the
57 Long Island Sound account. The account shall be available to the
58 Commissioner of Environmental Protection for (1) (A) restoration and
59 rehabilitation of tidal wetlands in proximity to Long Island Sound, (B)
60 restoration and rehabilitation of estuarine embayments in proximity to
61 Long Island Sound, (C) acquisition of public access to Long Island
62 Sound, (D) propagation of and habitat protection for shellfish and
63 finfish, including anadromous fish, and (E) education and public
64 outreach programs to enhance the public's understanding of the need
65 to protect and conserve the natural resources of Long Island Sound; (2)
66 allocation of grants to agencies, institutions or persons, including, but
67 not limited to, the Long Island Sound Foundation, to conduct research
68 and to provide public education and public awareness to enhance
69 understanding and management of the natural resources of Long
70 Island Sound; (3) provision of funds for services which support the
71 protection and conservation of the natural resources of Long Island
72 Sound; or (4) reimbursement of the Department of Motor Vehicles for
73 the cost of producing, issuing, renewing and replacing Long Island
74 Sound commemorative number plates, including administrative
75 expenses, pursuant to section 14-21e, as amended by this act.

76 (b) The commissioner may receive private donations to the Long
77 Island Sound account and any such receipts shall be deposited in the
78 account.

79 (c) The commissioner may provide for the reproduction and
80 marketing of the Long Island Sound commemorative number plate

81 image for use on clothing, recreational equipment, posters,
 82 mementoes, or other products or programs deemed by the
 83 commissioner to be suitable as a means of supporting the Long Island
 84 Sound account. Any funds received by the commissioner from such
 85 marketing shall be deposited in the Long Island Sound account.

86 (d) Within the Long Island Sound account there shall be a
 87 subaccount to be known as the "habitat restoration matching
 88 subaccount". The subaccount shall contain donations required to be
 89 deposited in the subaccount pursuant to section 14-21e, as amended by
 90 this act. The subaccount may also contain moneys from public or
 91 private sources, or from the federal government or a municipal
 92 government. The subaccount shall be available to the Commissioner of
 93 Environmental Protection to: (1) Match federal and private habitat
 94 restoration and rehabilitation funds, (2) provide grants to
 95 municipalities and nonprofit organizations for habitat restoration and
 96 rehabilitation purposes within the Long Island Sound watershed, (3)
 97 complete wildlife habitat acquisition, enhancement and management
 98 projects, and (4) promote public habitat restoration, rehabilitation and
 99 acquisition outreach within the Long Island Sound watershed.
 100 Nothing in this section shall prevent the commissioner from obtaining
 101 or using funds from sources other than the subaccount for the
 102 restoration and rehabilitation of habitats within the Long Island Sound
 103 watershed.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	14-21e
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	22a-27v

APP *Joint Favorable*

TRA *Joint Favorable*