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**Amendment**

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 85

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING CAMPGROUND RESERVATIONS AT CERTAIN STATE PARKS."**

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

3 "Section 1. Section 23-16a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5 [The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall  
6 phase out the leases of camping sites at shore parks which the State  
7 Park and Forest Commission determined were, in the 1970 season,  
8 leased for more than three weeks in the aggregate to the same family  
9 by reducing their number equally each year, for the next five years.]

10 (a) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection  
11 shall not lease camping sites at shore parks to the same camping party  
12 for more than three weeks during the camping season. The  
13 commissioner shall (1) lease camping sites to the same camping party  
14 for additional periods of up to three weeks, provided such camping

15 party vacates the shore park for a minimum of five days between  
 16 leases, or (2) lease any vacant camping sites on a first come, first served  
 17 basis. The commissioner may adopt regulations in accordance with the  
 18 provisions of chapter 54 to establish limits on the length of camping  
 19 site leases. The lease length limitation in this subsection shall be  
 20 effective until June 30, 2013, or until such regulations are adopted,  
 21 whichever is later.

22 (b) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this  
 23 section, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection  
 24 shall establish a pilot program for the 2013 camping season, allowing  
 25 five per cent of camping sites in shore parks to be leased by the same  
 26 camping party without a limitation on the number of days leased.  
 27 Notwithstanding the schedule of fees established pursuant to section  
 28 23-16, the commissioner may charge a nightly fee for such camping  
 29 sites equal to one hundred fifty per cent of the applicable fee charged  
 30 during the 2012 camping season.

31 (2) On or before February 1, 2014, said commissioner shall report, in  
 32 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing  
 33 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
 34 relating to the environment and finance, revenue and bonding  
 35 regarding the pilot program established pursuant to subdivision (1) of  
 36 this subsection. Such report shall include, but not be limited to, a  
 37 description of the implementation of the pilot program, its impact  
 38 upon the availability of camping sites, the reaction of families using  
 39 the camping sites and recommendations for changes, if any, in the  
 40 pilot program."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	23-16a