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**Introducer(s):**

Energy and Technology Committee

**Title:** AN ACT CONCERNING ENERGY CONSERVATION AND RENEWABLE ENERGY, ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS, ENERGY EQUIPMENT EFFICIENCY, TREE TRIMMING AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE.

**Statement of Purpose:** To reestablish a fuel oil conservation account; to require the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority to initiate a docket concerning gas distribution line extension; to create a natural gas vehicle pilot program; to require the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to examine the conversion of oil-heated buildings to natural gas and to increase the efficiency of heating oil use; to require the department to study barriers to participation by heating oil dealers in the promotion of energy efficiency programs; to require builders contracting for the construction of certain buildings to inform consumers of energy efficiency incentives; to require electric distribution companies to develop plans to strengthen electric infrastructure, including the development of renewable resources facilities; to modify statutes concerning tree trimming by utility companies; to encourage the use of micro-grids utilizing any combined heat and power system; to eliminate disparities between electric distribution companies concerning demand charges for geothermal systems; to exempt certain persons' use of electric distribution or transmission equipment from being considered electric distribution companies; to modify the requirements necessary to meet renewable energy portfolio standards compliance; to expand renewable energy source generation; to encourage electric vehicle use; to modify the funding provisions of the Home Energy Solutions program; to increase financial incentives for combined heat and power systems; and to fund the study of the regional independent system operator.

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