



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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Department of Transportation

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**Raised H.B. 6672 - An Act Concerning the Conveyance of Certain Parcels of State Land.**

The Department of Transportation (ConnDOT) offers the following comments on sections of H.B. 6672, AAC the Conveyance of Certain Parcels of State Land that require the transfer of certain parcels of ConnDOT property.

### **Section 1 - Wethersfield**

The Department transferred both parcels identified in this section to the Town of Wethersfield on January 12, 2012 for municipal purposes. It appears that the municipality would like to eliminate the deed restriction for municipal purposes and the reverter language. This language was included in the original bill to ensure that the municipality did not generate any income from property purchased with State and Federal funds.

If the language is modified to reflect no restrictions as to use, ConnDOT recommends additional language that requires the Town of Wethersfield to purchase the properties at fair market value.

### **Section 2 - Tolland**

ConnDOT opposes this section as written and recommends the following language:

*Sec. 2. (Effective from passage) (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the Commissioner of Transportation shall convey to the town of Tolland a parcel of land located in the town of Tolland, at a cost equal to the administrative costs of making such conveyance. Said parcel of land has an area of approximately 3.2 acres, is identified as a portion of Lot 142-61-5 on a map entitled "Connecticut Department of Transportation Right of Way Map Town of Tolland Interstate 84 From the Vernon Town Line Easterly to Cathole Road, Map No. 142-07, sheet No. 9 of 11, dated February 4, 1994", and surrounds the parcel required to be conveyed by the state pursuant to section 6 of special act 11-16. The conveyance shall be subject to the approval of the State Properties Review Board.*

*(b) The town of Tolland shall use said parcel of land exclusively for economic development purposes. If the Town uses said parcel for any use other than for economic development, or has not used the parcel for economic development by the end of calendar year 2020, the parcel shall revert to the State of Connecticut. If the Town sells or leases any portion of said parcel for*

*economic development, any consideration received by the Town of Tolland shall be transferred to the State Transportation Fund.*

*(c) The State Properties Review Board shall complete its review of the conveyance of said parcel of land not later than thirty days after it receives a proposed agreement from the Department of Transportation. The land shall remain under the care and control of said department until a conveyance is made in accordance with the provisions of this section. The State Treasurer shall execute and deliver any deed or instrument necessary for a conveyance under this section which deed or instrument shall include provisions to carry out the purposes of subsection (b) of this section. The Commissioner of Transportation shall have the sole responsibility for all other incidents of such conveyance.*

### **Section 3 - Barkhamsted**

This property was transferred to Regional Refuse Disposal District One on April 17, 2009 pursuant to Section 9 of Special Act 08-8. Last year, Section 148 of Public Act 12-2 amended the use and reverter restrictions.

The Department prepared a document to amend the original deed and Regional Refuse Disposal District One refused to close. Regional Refuse Disposal District One indicated that they wanted to repeal Section 148 of Public Act 12-2.

The language in this section of the bill simply changes the language back to its original form as contained in Section 9 of Special Act 08-8. ConnDOT recommends simply repealing the language added in 2012.

### **Section 4 - New Britain**

The Department concurs with this section as written.

### **Section 5 - Southington**

After consulting with the Southington Assessor regarding the parcel in question, it was determined that this parcel was transferred to the municipality under Section 5 of Public Act 96-249. The closing was held on February 16, 1999. The language in this section is not needed.

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