AN ACT CONCERNING SEA LEVEL RISE AND THE FUNDING OF PROJECTS BY THE CLEAN WATER FUND.

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

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 22a-478 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2013):

(a) The commissioner shall maintain a priority list of eligible water quality projects and shall establish a system setting the priority for making project grants, grant account loans and project loans. In establishing such priority list and ranking system, the commissioner shall consider all factors he deems relevant, including but not limited to the following: (1) The public health and safety; (2) protection of environmental resources; (3) population affected; (4) attainment of state water quality goals and standards; (5) consistency with the state plan of conservation and development; (6) state and federal regulations; [and] (7) the formation in municipalities of local housing partnerships pursuant to the provisions of section 8-336f; and (8) the necessity and feasibility of implementing measures designed to mitigate the impact of a rise in sea level over the projected life span of such project. The priority list of eligible water quality projects shall include a description of each project and its purpose, impact, cost and
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construction schedule, and an explanation of the manner in which priorities were established. The commissioner shall adopt an interim priority list of eligible water quality projects for the purpose of making project grants, grant account loans and project loans prior to adoption of final regulations, which priority list shall be the priority list currently in effect under subsection (c) of section 22a-439.

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