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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TOLLS FOR THE EXTENSION OF ROUTE 11."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2013*) (a) The towns of
4 Norwalk, Wilton and Ridgefield may, by ordinance consistent with the
5 provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this section, establish a Route 7
6 Greenway Authority Commission which shall be deemed established
7 at such time as the last of the three towns has adopted such ordinance.

8 (b) Such ordinance shall specify the membership of the commission,
9 which shall consist of the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
10 Protection, or said commissioner's designee, the Commissioner of
11 Transportation, or said commissioner's designee, a member and
12 alternate member from the city of Norwalk, appointed by the mayor,
13 and from the towns of Wilton and Ridgefield, appointed by the first
14 selectman of each of said towns, and a member and alternate member
15 of the South Western Regional Planning Agency appointed by said

16 agency. Each member and alternate member shall serve for a term of
17 two years and until such member's successor is appointed and has
18 qualified. Such appointments may be made at a meeting of the town's
19 legislative body, to take effect when the last of the four towns has
20 adopted such ordinance. An alternate member may vote on said
21 commission in the absence of the member for whom such person is an
22 alternate. The initial terms of members shall commence when the last
23 of the four towns adopting such ordinance has appointed a member
24 and an alternate member. Any vacancy on the commission shall be
25 filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the balance
26 of the unexpired term. No appointed member shall receive any
27 compensation for service on said commission. Said commission shall
28 elect from its members a chairperson and such other officers as it
29 deems necessary and shall establish its own rules of procedure. The
30 commission shall be an autonomous body within the Department of
31 Transportation for administrative purposes only. The commission may
32 employ experts and such other assistants as it judges necessary and
33 may accept funds from any source. Notwithstanding any other
34 provision of the general statutes, any funds appropriated to the
35 commission, or received by the commission from any other source,
36 shall be held in the custody of the commission and expended by the
37 commission for the purposes set forth in this section.

38 (c) Such ordinance shall also require the Commissioner of Energy
39 and Environmental Protection and the Commissioner of
40 Transportation, not later than sixty days after the effective date of this
41 section to call a meeting of said commission which shall, not later than
42 ninety days thereafter:

43 (1) Hold public hearings for the purpose of developing standards
44 for (A) defining the initial boundaries of the Route 7 Greenway, (B)
45 planning the design, construction, maintenance and management of
46 the Route 7 Greenway trail system and intermodal transportation
47 access system, (C) identifying and prioritizing lands that should be
48 added to the Route 7 Greenway, (D) recommending land use within
49 the Route 7 Greenway, and (E) acquiring land and securing

50 conservation easements for the Route 7 Greenway, except that nothing
51 in this section shall be construed to prohibit the acquisition of land
52 within the Route 7 Greenway by a municipality; and

53 (2) Establish bylaws by which the commission shall (A) conduct its
54 meetings, including a provision specifying that no action by the
55 commission shall be effective except by the concurring vote of at least
56 four members, (B) protect and preserve the lands under its custody,
57 (C) supervise staff, (D) maintain its records, and (E) report to the
58 General Assembly, as required under subsection (d) of this section.

59 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or the
60 general statutes, the commission may: (1) Acquire or convey by
61 purchase, gift, lease, devise, exchange or otherwise, any land or
62 interest therein including, but not limited to, conservation easements,
63 located wholly or partly in the conservation zone, provided such
64 acquisition does not utilize funds furnished by the state; (2) transfer,
65 with the approval of the Commissioner of Transportation, any land or
66 interest therein to the state with or without consideration, provided
67 any funds received therefor shall not be deemed funds furnished by
68 the state for the purposes of this section; and (3) contribute or transfer
69 funds to, and enter into agreements with, land trusts or other
70 conservation organizations, to carry out the purposes of this section.

71 (e) On or before February 15, 2014, and annually thereafter, the
72 commission shall report to the General Assembly, on its activities of
73 the preceding year and on its finances. The existence of the
74 commission shall terminate at such time as all of its member towns
75 have withdrawn or it is abolished by the General Assembly.

76 Sec. 502. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2013*) (a) The Department of
77 Energy and Environmental Protection is authorized to establish, in
78 conjunction with the Department of Transportation, a linear park
79 along Route 7, utilizing both the highway right-of-way and other
80 adjoining lands acquired for this purpose. Said linear park, if
81 established, shall also link other state and municipal recreational and

82 open space areas.

83 (b) The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection may:
 84 (1) Accept, receive and administer, on behalf of the state, any grants,
 85 loans or other funds made available from any source for the purposes
 86 of establishing said linear park; (2) acquire lands, waters or interests in
 87 lands or waters, by purchase or condemnation, and enter into
 88 agreements with federal, other state or local agencies, corporations or
 89 individuals concerning such lands or waters which may be necessary
 90 to establish said park; (3) administer the design, including site
 91 planning, construction and development; (4) administer, maintain and
 92 regulate the use of said park; and (5) enter into cooperative agreements
 93 with agencies of the government or local agencies to provide for
 94 maintenance and regulation of said park."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	October 1, 2013	New section
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