



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 5273

*House of Representatives, March 24, 2014*

The Committee on Commerce reported through REP. PERONE of the 137th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT RESTORING THE COMMISSIONER OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT'S DUTY TO DETERMINE WHETHER SURPLUS STATE PROPERTY CAN BE USED FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 4b-21 of the 2014 supplement to  
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
3 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (c) Not later than thirty days after receipt of such notification from  
5 the secretary, the following agencies shall determine and notify the  
6 secretary in writing if the land, improvement or interest serves the  
7 following needs: (1) The Commissioner of [Housing] Economic and  
8 Community Development, whether it can be used or adapted for  
9 economic development or exchanged for property that can be used for  
10 economic development; [, used as an emergency shelter or transitional  
11 living facility for homeless persons, or used for the construction,  
12 rehabilitation or renovation of housing for persons and families of low

13 and moderate income;] (2) the Commissioner of Transportation,  
 14 whether it can be used for transportation purposes; (3) the  
 15 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, whether it can  
 16 be used for open space purposes or to otherwise support the  
 17 department's mission; (4) the Commissioner of Agriculture, whether it  
 18 can be used for farming or agricultural purposes; (5) the Commissioner  
 19 of Veterans' Affairs, whether it can be used for veterans' housing; (6)  
 20 the Commissioner of Children and Families, whether it can be used to  
 21 support the department's mission; (7) the Commissioner of  
 22 Developmental Services, whether it can be used to support the  
 23 department's mission; [and] (8) the Commissioner of Administrative  
 24 Services, whether it can be used to house state agencies or can be  
 25 leased; and (9) the Commissioner of Housing, whether it can be used  
 26 as an emergency shelter or transitional living facility for homeless  
 27 persons, or used for the construction, rehabilitation or renovation of  
 28 housing for persons and families of low and moderate income. Not  
 29 later than thirty days after receipt of such notification from the  
 30 secretary, any state agency, department or institution that is interested  
 31 in utilizing the land, improvement or interest shall submit a plan to the  
 32 secretary that sets forth the proposed use for the land, improvement or  
 33 interest and a budget and timetable for such use. If one or more  
 34 agencies, departments or institutions submit a plan for such land,  
 35 improvement or interest to the secretary within such thirty-day period,  
 36 the secretary shall analyze such agency, department or institution plan  
 37 or plans and determine whether custody and control of the land,  
 38 improvement or interest shall be transferred to one of such agencies,  
 39 departments or institutions, in which case the agency, department or  
 40 institution having custody of the land, improvement or interest shall  
 41 make such transfer.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	4b-21(c)

**CE**      *Joint Favorable*

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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill has no fiscal impact by requiring the Department of Economic and Community Development rather than the Department of Housing to determine whether state surplus property can be used for economic development purposes. This is a conforming change related to the transfer of housing-related matters under PA 13-234.

**The Out Years****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 5273*****AN ACT RESTORING THE COMMISSIONER OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT'S DUTY TO DETERMINE WHETHER SURPLUS STATE PROPERTY CAN BE USED FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the economic and community development commissioner, instead of the housing commissioner, to notify the Office of Policy and Management secretary whether surplus state property can be (1) used or adapted for economic development or (2) exchanged for property that could be used for that purpose. As under current law, the bill requires the housing commissioner to notify the secretary whether surplus property can be used for specified housing purposes.

By law, the secretary must notify specified commissioners when an agency notifies him that it no longer needs a property it controls. The commissioners must determine if the property can be used for specified purposes related to their agency's mission. Commissioners who determine they can use the property must submit a plan to the secretary describing the proposed use. The law sets deadlines for each step in this notification process (CGS § 4b-21).

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Commerce Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 16 Nay 0 (03/11/2014)