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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5476

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE FEASIBILITY OF
LEGALIZING INDUSTRIAL HEMP."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 16a-23s of the general statutes,
4 as amended by section 6 of substitute senate bill 299 of the current
5 session, as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A", is repealed
6 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

7 (b) The Department of Consumer Protection shall establish a list of
8 all heating fuel dealers that have disclosed offerings of prepaid
9 guaranteed price plans to consumers pursuant to subsection [(c)] (f) of
10 section 16a-23m, as amended by [this act] substitute senate bill 299 of
11 the current session. Such list shall be made available to the public on
12 the department's Internet web site.

13 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioners of Agriculture,
 14 Consumer Protection and Economic and Community Development,
 15 after consulting with the Attorney General, shall study the feasibility
 16 of legalizing industrial hemp for the purpose of encouraging economic
 17 development and increasing the number of new businesses in this
 18 state. The Commissioner of Agriculture shall study the feasibility of
 19 legalizing the production of industrial hemp. The Commissioner of
 20 Consumer Protection shall study the feasibility of legalizing the
 21 possession of industrial hemp and the Commissioner of Economic and
 22 Community Development shall study the feasibility of legalizing the
 23 sale of industrial hemp. Not later than January 1, 2015, the
 24 Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall report, in accordance with
 25 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint
 26 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
 27 matters relating to agriculture, consumer protection and commerce
 28 concerning said commissioners' recommendations on (1) establishing a
 29 statutory definition of "industrial hemp", based on the percentage of
 30 proposed tetrahydrocannabinol in such industrial hemp, as
 31 distinguished from marijuana, (2) amending the general statutes to
 32 exclude industrial hemp from the definition of "controlled substance"
 33 in section 21a-240 of the general statutes, and (3) establishing a
 34 licensing system for industrial hemp growers and sellers."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	16a-23s(b)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section