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**Proposed Bill No. 6482**

LCO No. 2440



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Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:  
REP. SANTIAGO, 130th Dist.

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING GREEN BUSINESS ZONES.**

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

1 That title 7 of the general statutes be amended to (1) allow  
2 municipalities having a population of one hundred thousand or more  
3 persons to (A) establish green business zones; (B) designate the area of  
4 such zone; and (C) determine which businesses qualify as green  
5 businesses; (2) provide benefits to certain businesses qualifying as  
6 green businesses and located in such zones, including, but not limited  
7 to (A) a fifty to eighty per cent property tax exemption, to be  
8 determined by the subject municipality and to be in effect for seven  
9 years; (B) eligibility for accelerated depreciation on personal property  
10 related to the green business; (C) expedited permitting for permits  
11 issued by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection or  
12 the Department of Public Health; and (D) for green businesses utilizing  
13 the subsidized training and employment program or the unemployed  
14 members of the armed forces subsidized training and employment  
15 program, grants provided for therein shall be increased to up to fifteen  
16 thousand dollars for employment of green business employees for a  
17 period of six months; (3) require the Departments of Energy and

18 Environmental Protection and Public Health to promulgate  
19 regulations, no later than January 1, 2016, setting forth an expedited  
20 permitting process for green businesses; and (4) to define "green  
21 business" as a business that (A) creates ten or more full-time equivalent  
22 jobs; (B) creates or expands a facility within a green business zone; and  
23 (C) meets two of the following criteria: (i) the principal business  
24 involves the manufacture or sale of environmentally related products;  
25 (ii) the principal business involves the provision of environmentally  
26 related services; (iii) the principal business involves the recycling or  
27 reuse of materials; (iv) the principal business involves the reduction of  
28 greenhouse gas emissions; or (v) the business entity has remediated or  
29 is remediating the site on which such business is located in accordance  
30 with the Connecticut Remediation Standard Regulations, or any  
31 remediation approved by the Department of Energy and  
32 Environmental Protection or a licensed environmental professional.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To develop economic development zones that would facilitate the development of environmentally friendly businesses in urban areas.