



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6740

LCO No. 3319



Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by:
(TRA)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROCESS TO SELECT AN OPERATOR
FOR THE NEW HAVEN-HARTFORD-SPRINGFIELD RAIL LINE.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 13b-79u of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) The Commissioner of Transportation is authorized and directed,
4 in consultation with the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
5 Management and with the approval of the Governor, to enter into any
6 agreements with the National Rail Passenger Corporation or its
7 successor in interest that are necessary for the operation of rail
8 passenger service on the New Haven-Hartford-Springfield rail line.

9 (b) The commissioner is authorized and directed, in consultation
10 with the secretary and with approval of the Governor, to enter into any
11 agreements with the commonwealth of Massachusetts, or any entity
12 authorized to act on its behalf, or the state of Vermont, or any entity
13 authorized to act on its behalf, that are necessary for the state's
14 participation in the provision of rail passenger service on the New

15 Haven-Hartford-Springfield rail line.

16 (c) [The] Notwithstanding the provisions of chapters 55a, 59, 60 and
17 62, the commissioner is authorized and directed, in consultation with
18 the secretary and with the approval of the Governor, to select [through
19 a competitive process] from among responsible bidders, one or more
20 most qualified to provide efficient and reliable service, and contract
21 with an operator or operators for rail service on the New Haven-
22 Hartford-Springfield rail line.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	13b-79u

Statement of Purpose:

To permit any existing provider of commuter rail service to bid on, and, if selected, to provide such services on the New Haven-Hartford-Springfield rail line.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]