



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 866**

January Session, 2015



**AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEASING OF LIGHTHOUSE  
BOTTOMLANDS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 22a-27w of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 The state of Connecticut, acting through the Commissioner of  
4 Energy and Environmental Protection, is authorized to grant a lease or  
5 other appropriate authorization [over] to allow for the occupancy of  
6 submerged lands held in public trust by the state underlying or  
7 associated with [the Penfield Reef Lighthouse] lighthouses for the  
8 purpose of facilitating the preservation of [said lighthouse. Such lease  
9 or other authorization shall constitute a right of occupancy so as to  
10 facilitate the preservation of such lighthouse] such lighthouses  
11 pursuant to the [federal] National Historic Lighthouse Preservation  
12 Act of 2000, 16 USC 470w-7, provided any such lease shall be for  
13 [consideration as determined by the Commissioner of Energy and  
14 Environmental Protection, for a term of no more than ten years, subject  
15 to subsequent renewals, and] a term: (1) Of thirty years with the option  
16 to renew whenever such lighthouse is sold pursuant to said act, or (2)  
17 that is coterminous with the applicable lease whenever such lighthouse  
18 is leased pursuant to said act. Any such lease shall contain appropriate  
19 conditions to ensure consistency with the goals and policies of section

20 22a-92 and with other interests of the state, including, but not limited  
21 to, reasonable public access whenever such lease is to a nonprofit  
22 organization, preservation of historic structures and education of the  
23 public regarding such structures. Nothing in this section and no  
24 provision in any lease authorized pursuant to this section shall be  
25 construed to relieve any lessee from the obligation to obtain any  
26 applicable federal, state or local permit for the construction of any new  
27 structure or appurtenance on such submerged lands.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	22a-27w

**ENV**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*