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Substitute Senate Bill No. 300

Senate, April 7, 2016

The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. GERRATANA of the 6th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING NEW BRITAIN WATER COMPANY LAND.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) (1) Not later than one hundred
2 eighty days after the effective date of this section, the city of New
3 Britain shall commission and supervise an environmental study, to be
4 conducted by an independent third party approved by the Department
5 of Public Health and the Council on Environmental Quality,
6 established pursuant to section 22a-11 of the general statutes, to
7 examine the potential impact of the city of New Britain changing the
8 use of said city's water company-owned class I and class II land to
9 allow for the lease of approximately 131.4 acres owned by the city and
10 located in the town of Plainville, more specifically described as 0
11 Biddle Pass, for the purpose of allowing the extraction of stone and
12 other minerals on such property.

13 (2) Such study shall include, but need not be limited to, an analysis
14 of the (A) likely environmental impacts of such change of use on local
15 hydrology, forest ecology and wetlands systems; (B) long-term water

16 supply needs for the city of New Britain as well as interconnected
17 water companies in the general geographic region surrounding the
18 areas supplied by the city of New Britain's water reservoir system; (C)
19 likely safe yield increase to the city of New Britain's water reservoir
20 system that could be supplied by such change of use; (D) impact on
21 raw reservoir water quality that is likely to occur from such change of
22 use; (E) procedures and steps that are available to minimize
23 environmental impacts from the proposed change of use, including
24 offsets attributed to the conveyance of land immediately adjacent to
25 the subject site, more specifically described as 0 Biddle Pass in the
26 town of Plainville, to the city of New Britain, the town of Plainville and
27 the town of Southington for open space purposes; and (F) a summary
28 conclusion comparing the environmental impacts as well as potential
29 environmental benefits and water supply benefits from such change of
30 use.

31 (3) The Commissioner of Public Health shall review the
32 environmental study as it applies to the Department of Public Health's
33 jurisdiction over and duties concerning water supplies, water
34 companies and operators of water treatment plants and water
35 distribution systems, including, but not limited to, the potential impact
36 on the purity and adequacy of the existing and future public water
37 supply, and review such study for the purpose of providing the New
38 Britain Water Department with guidance concerning the suitability of
39 the best management practices identified in the environmental study
40 for the protection of the public water supply and public health.

41 (b) Not later than one hundred eighty days after the effective date of
42 this section, the Commissioner of Public Health shall provide the
43 completed results of the environmental study to the Commissioner of
44 Energy and Environmental Protection. Not later than ninety days after
45 receipt of the study, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
46 Protection shall review and comment on the environmental analysis
47 described in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section.

48 (c) On or before January 1, 2017, the Commissioner of Public Health

49 shall submit the results of the environmental study and departmental
 50 reviews and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the
 51 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
 52 health, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
 53 general statutes, for its consideration.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In section 1(a)(1), "New Britain's" was changed to "New Britain", "such city's" was changed to "said city's" and "company owned" was changed to "company-owned" for clarity and consistency with the drafting conventions of the general statutes.

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 17 \$	FY 18 \$
New Britain	Potential Cost	See Below	None

Explanation

The bill requires the City of New Britain to commission a study of the impact of allowing land used by the City's water company to also be used for stone and mineral extraction.

The bill results in a potential cost to the City of New Britain that will vary based on the scope of the study, and the third party commissioned to perform it. Any cost is anticipated to occur in FY 17 only.

The Out Years

There is no impact in the out years as the fiscal impact identified above is anticipated to be a one-time cost.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 28 Nay 0 (03/21/2016)