



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5579

February Session, 2016

* _____HB05579ENV___031716_____*

AN ACT CONCERNING THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON CLIMATE CHANGE.

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

1 Section 1. Section 22a-200a of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

3 (a) The state shall reduce the level of emissions of greenhouse gas:

4 (1) Not later than January 1, 2020, to a level at least ten per cent
5 below the level emitted in 1990; and

6 (2) Not later than January 1, 2050, to a level at least eighty per cent
7 below the level emitted in 2001.

8 (3) All of the levels referenced in this subsection shall be determined
9 by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection after
10 consultation with the Governor's Council on Climate Change.

11 (b) On or before January 1, [2010] 2018, and [biannually] biennially
12 thereafter, the state agencies that are members of the Governor's
13 [Steering Committee] Council on Climate Change shall submit a report
14 to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and the
15 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection. The report
16 shall identify existing and proposed activities and improvements to

17 the facilities of such agencies that are designed to meet state agency
18 energy savings goals established by the Governor. The report shall also
19 identify policies and regulations that could be adopted in the near
20 future by such agencies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in
21 accordance with subsection (a) of this section.

22 (c) Not later than January 1, [2012] 2018, and every three years
23 thereafter, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection
24 shall, in consultation with the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
25 Management and the Governor's [Steering Committee] Council on
26 Climate Change, report, in accordance with the provisions of section
27 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
28 cognizance of matters relating to the environment, energy and
29 transportation on the quantifiable emissions reductions achieved
30 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. The report shall include a
31 schedule of proposed regulations, policies and strategies designed to
32 achieve the limits of greenhouse gas emissions imposed by said
33 subsection, an assessment of the latest scientific information and
34 relevant data regarding global climate change, actions taken by the
35 state in furtherance of the Global Climate Leadership Memorandum of
36 Understanding, an estimate of greenhouse gas emissions by state
37 agencies and an explanation of any increase or decrease since the
38 previous report, and the status of greenhouse gas emission reduction
39 efforts in other states and countries.

40 (d) At least one year prior to the effective date of any federally
41 mandated greenhouse cap and trade program including greenhouse
42 gas emissions subject to any state cap and trade requirements adopted
43 pursuant to this section, the Commissioner of Energy and
44 Environmental Protection and the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
45 Management shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section
46 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
47 cognizance of matters relating to the environment, energy and
48 technology and transportation. Such report shall explain the
49 differences between such federal and state requirements and shall

50 identify any further regulatory or legislative actions needed to achieve
51 consistency with such federal program.

52 Sec. 2. Section 22a-200e of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*
53 *October 1, 2016*)

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2016</i> | 22a-200a |
| Sec. 2 | <i>October 1, 2016</i> | Repealer section |

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