



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5583

LCO No. 1491



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

**AN ACT CONCERNING AN AGREEMENT REGARDING ANNUAL
WATER LEVEL DRAW DOWNS AT BASHAN LAKE IN THE TOWN OF
EAST HADDAM.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) On or before November 1,
2 2017, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall
3 enter into an agreement with the town of East Haddam and the Bashan
4 Lake Association regarding a schedule for annual water level draw
5 downs of Bashan Lake. The agreed upon draw down level shall be
6 required to control weeds, prevent property damage and erosion into
7 said lake and prevent reduction in association property values. Such
8 water level draw downs shall be designed to balance the various
9 concerns of the lake community, including recreational needs,
10 preservation of lakefront infrastructure, fisheries habitat and other
11 natural resource concerns. On and after the effective date of this
12 section, the Bashan Lake Association shall monitor Bashan Lake and
13 submit any petition concerning such a draw down to the town of East
14 Haddam not later than sixty days prior to the date of commencement
15 for any such draw down.

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

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to enter into an agreement with the town of East Haddam and the Bashan Lake Association regarding water level draw downs at Bashan Lake.

[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.]