



General Assembly

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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

**ENV**      *Joint Favorable*