



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 5585**

LCO No. 2510



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING AND FUNDING A STATE PARKS  
SUSTAINABILITY ACCOUNT.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) There is established an  
2 account to be known as the "state parks sustainability account" which  
3 shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The  
4 account shall contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in  
5 the account, including, but not limited to, federal funds, provided,  
6 notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (d) of section 22a-245a of  
7 the general statutes, not less than four million dollars of the total funds  
8 that are deposited to the General Fund in accordance with the  
9 provisions of subsection (d) of section 22a-245a of the general statutes  
10 shall be deposited in such account. Moneys in the account shall be  
11 expended by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection  
12 for the purposes of maintaining, operating and improving the state  
13 parks that are under the care, custody and control of such department.

14 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the  
15 provisions of section 9-705 of the general statutes, the amount of any

16 grant issued pursuant to said section to the qualified candidate  
17 committee of a candidate who has a primary for nomination to any  
18 office for a primary held in 2016 and the amount of any grant issued  
19 pursuant to said section to the qualified candidate committee of any  
20 candidate who has been nominated to any office or has qualified to  
21 appear on the ballot for any office for any election held in 2016 shall be  
22 reduced by forty per cent.

23 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-701 of the general  
24 statutes, from the net amount of any reductions made pursuant to  
25 subsection (a) of this section, the State Treasurer shall deposit not less  
26 than four million dollars in the state parks sustainability account  
27 established pursuant to section 1 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To establish a state parks sustainability account for the maintenance and operation of state parks and fund such account through the diversion of certain funds from unclaimed bottle deposit funds and a reduction of grants issued under the Citizens' Election Program.

*[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.]*