



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 81

LCO No. 972



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN AREAS OF
THE HOUSATONIC RIVER AS A WILD AND SCENIC RIVER.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The portion of the
2 Housatonic River that is the subject of a memorandum of agreement
3 among the Housatonic River Commission, the National Park Service,
4 the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, the
5 Northwest Hills Council of Governments and the Housatonic Valley
6 Association, Inc. is designated as a wild and scenic river for purposes
7 of preservation of said river under the federal Wild and Scenic Rivers
8 Act, Public Law 90-542, as amended.

9 (b) The Northwest Hills Council of Governments shall act as the
10 administering agency for the Housatonic River on behalf of the
11 Housatonic River Commission, in accordance with the terms of the
12 memorandum of agreement described in subsection (a) of this section
13 and as required by Section 2(a)(ii) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.
14 The Northwest Hills Council of Governments shall constitute a
15 political subdivision of the state for purposes of executing its duties

16 and responsibilities in accordance with this section.

17 (c) The Governor shall submit an application to the Secretary of the
18 Interior for purposes of completion of the designation of the portion of
19 the Housatonic River, described in subsection (a) of this section, under
20 Section 2(a)(ii) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

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 designate a portion of the Housatonic River as wild and scenic for purposes of designation and preservation under Section 2(a)(ii) of the federal Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

[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.]