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Raised Bill No. 301

LCO No. 2102



Referred to Committee on COMMERCE

Introduced by:
(CE)

AN ACT MODIFYING THE THRESHOLDS FOR MANDATORY REPORTING OF ENVIRONMENTAL SPILLS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 22a-450 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

3 (a) The master of any ship, boat, barge or other vessel, or the person
4 in charge of any terminal for the loading or unloading of any oil or
5 petroleum or chemical liquids or solid, liquid or gaseous products, or
6 hazardous wastes, or the person in charge of any establishment, or the
7 operator of any vehicle, trailer or other machine which by accident,
8 negligence or otherwise causes the uncontained discharge, spillage,
9 uncontrolled loss, seepage or filtration of oil or petroleum or chemical
10 liquids or solid, liquid or gaseous products, or hazardous wastes
11 which (1) a reasonable environmental health and safety professional
12 would determine poses a potential threat to human health or the
13 environment, and (2) exceeds the applicable threshold adopted by the
14 commissioner pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, shall
15 immediately report such uncontained discharge, spillage, uncontrolled

16 loss, seepage or filtration to the commissioner. [such facts as the
 17 commissioner by regulation may require.] Any such report shall
 18 include, but not be limited to, the location, the quantity and the type of
 19 substance, material or waste, the date and the cause of the discharge,
 20 spillage, uncontrolled loss, seepage or filtration, the name and address
 21 of the owner of the ship, boat, barge or other vessel, terminal,
 22 establishment, vehicle, trailer or machine, and the name and address of
 23 the person making the report and his relationship to the owner. Any
 24 person who fails to make a report required by this section may be
 25 fined not more than one thousand dollars and the employer of such
 26 person may be fined not more than five thousand dollars, except that
 27 any person who fails to make a report relating to the discharge,
 28 spillage, uncontrolled loss, seepage or filtration of gasoline shall be
 29 fined not more than five thousand dollars and the employer of such
 30 person may be fined not more than ten thousand dollars.

31 (b) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with
 32 the provisions of chapter 54, defining the threshold amounts for
 33 uncontained discharges, spillages, uncontrolled losses, seepages or
 34 filtrations that shall be reported to the commissioner pursuant to this
 35 section. Such threshold amounts shall be defined in units of weight for
 36 solid products and in units of volume for liquid and gaseous products.
 37 The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with the
 38 provisions of chapter 54, specifying any facts, in addition to those
 39 specified in subsection (a) of this section, that shall be included in any
 40 report submitted under this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2016	22a-450

Statement of Purpose:

To modify the standard for the reporting to the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection of an environmental spill and to

require the commissioner to adopt regulations defining the thresholds for spills that require reporting.

[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.]