



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 422

LCO No. 2591



Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:
(PD)

AN ACT CONCERNING RESIDENTIAL WATER RATES, PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SUPPLY EMERGENCIES AND SELLERS OF BOTTLED WATER.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) If the Commissioner of
2 Public Health orders the implementation of water use restrictions
3 during a public drinking water supply emergency declared pursuant
4 to section 25-32b of the general statutes, said commissioner shall order
5 that the sale of water to residential consumers be prioritized over the
6 sale of water to commercial entities for the duration of such public
7 drinking water supply emergency.

8 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding any
9 provisions of the general statutes or any charter or special act, the
10 holder of a license for the business of bottling water issued pursuant to
11 section 21a-136 of the general statutes shall not charge commercial
12 entities a rate less than any other consumer for the sale of such bottled
13 water.

14 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding any
15 provisions of the general statutes or any charter or special act, no
16 municipality or entity shall charge the holder of a license for the
17 business of bottling water issued pursuant to section 21a-136 of the
18 general statutes that sells such bottled water for export out of the state
19 a sewer rate less than the residential consumer sewer rate charged by
20 such municipality or entity.

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
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To prioritize residential consumer water sales during public drinking water supply emergencies, to prohibit sellers of bottled water from charging commercial users less than residential consumers and to ensure sellers who export bottled water out of the state do not pay lower sewer rates than residential consumers.

[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.]