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"AN ACT CONCERNING NEW BRITAIN WATER COMPANY LAND."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than one hundred
4 eighty days after the effective date of this section, the city of New
5 Britain shall commission an environmental study, to be conducted by
6 an independent third party acceptable to the Water Planning Council,
7 established pursuant to section 25-33o of the general statutes, in
8 consultation with the Council on Environmental Quality, established
9 pursuant to section 22a-11 of the general statutes. Such study shall
10 examine the potential impact of the city of New Britain changing the
11 use of said city's water company-owned class I and class II land to
12 allow for the lease of approximately 131.4 acres owned by said city and
13 located in the town of Plainville, more specifically described as 0
14 Biddle Pass, for the purpose of allowing the extraction of stone and
15 other minerals on such property.

16 (b) Such study shall include, but need not be limited to, an analysis
17 of the (1) likely environmental impacts of such change of use on local
18 hydrology, forest ecology, natural land resources and formations, and
19 wetlands systems; (2) long-term water supply needs for the city of
20 New Britain as well as interconnected, and reasonably feasible
21 interconnected, water companies in the general geographic region
22 surrounding the areas supplied by the city of New Britain's water
23 reservoir system; (3) likely safe yield increase to the city of New
24 Britain's water reservoir system that could be supplied by such change
25 of use; (4) impact on raw reservoir water quality that is likely to occur
26 from such change of use; (5) procedures and steps that are available to
27 minimize environmental impacts from such change of use; and (6)
28 permits required for such change of use. At the conclusion of such
29 study, the independent third party that conducted the environmental
30 study shall submit a written report on the results of such study to the
31 Water Planning Council, the Council on Environmental Quality and
32 the city of New Britain's conservation commission.

33 (c) Not later than ninety days after receipt of the report on the
34 environmental study, the Water Planning Council and the Council on
35 Environmental Quality shall review such report to determine the
36 potential impact on the environment and the purity and adequacy of
37 the existing and future public water supply and to provide guidance to
38 the New Britain Water Department concerning the suitability of the
39 best management practices identified in such report for the protection
40 of the environment, public water supply and public health and make
41 written comments concerning such review. Said councils shall submit
42 their written comments to the city of New Britain.

43 (d) Not later than fifteen days after receipt of said councils'
44 comments on the report of the environmental study, the city of New
45 Britain shall post such report and said councils' comments on said
46 city's Internet web site. The city of New Britain shall hold a public
47 hearing within the city of New Britain not later than thirty days after
48 receipt of said councils' comments on such report and shall publish
49 notice concerning such report and public hearing in a newspaper of

50 general circulation in the city of New Britain. Such notice shall include:
 51 (1) Directions on how members of the public may obtain a copy of
 52 such report and comments; (2) a statement informing members of the
 53 public of the opportunity to submit comments to the Water Planning
 54 Council for a period of thirty days regarding such report; and (3) the
 55 date, time and location where said city shall hold the public hearing on
 56 such report.

57 (e) Not later than sixty days after the public hearing required
 58 pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, the Water Planning Council,
 59 in consultation with the Council on Environmental Quality, shall
 60 submit: (1) The report on the results of the environmental study; (2)
 61 said councils' comments on review of such report; (3) a summary of the
 62 public comments received concerning such report and comments; and
 63 (4) said councils' recommendations to the joint standing committees of
 64 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
 65 environment and public health, in accordance with the provisions of
 66 section 11-4a of the general statutes.

67 Sec. 2. Section 25-37i of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*
 68 *from passage*)

69 Sec. 3. Section 64 of public act 07-5 of the June special session is
 70 repealed. (*Effective from passage*)"

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