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House Bill No. 5884

House of Representatives, March 9, 2017

The Committee on Environment reported through REP. DEMICCO of the 21st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF COAL TAR SEALANTS ON STATE AND LOCAL HIGHWAYS.

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2017*) No person shall use or
2 apply any sealant that is made from coal tar to any state or local
3 highway. The Commissioner of Transportation, in conjunction with
4 the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, may
5 enforce the provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	New section
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The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

This bill prohibits the use or application of sealants made from coal tar on any state or local highway and allows the Department of Transportation in conjunction with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to enforce the provisions of the bill. It is not anticipated to be a fiscal impact as coal tar is not extensively used by the state or municipalities and the agencies currently have the staff and expertise to enforce the prohibition under the bill if they decide to enforce it.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5884*****AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF COAL TAR SEALANTS ON STATE AND LOCAL HIGHWAYS.*****SUMMARY**

This bill prohibits the use or application of sealants made from coal tar on any state or local highway. The transportation commissioner, together with the energy and environmental protection commissioner, may enforce the ban.

By law, a highway is any state or other public highway, road, street, avenue, alley, driveway, parkway, place or dedicated roadway for bus rapid transit service, under the control of the state or any of its political subdivisions, dedicated, appropriated, or opened to public travel or other use (CGS § 14-1 (41)).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2017

BACKGROUND***Health Effects of Coal Tar***

Numerous studies have found coal tars to be human carcinogens (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' National Toxicology Program Report on Carcinogens, 14th edition, 2016).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

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Yea 27 Nay 3 (02/22/2017)