



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 536

LCO No. 5521



Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:
(ET)

**AN ACT CONCERNING ESTABLISHING A STATE-WIDE PLAN AND
PROCESS FOR SITING SMALL CELL ANTENNA AND DISTRIBUTED
ANTENNA SYSTEMS.**

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2017*) (a) As used in this section:
- 2 (1) "Small cell" means low-powered wireless base stations; and
- 3 (2) "Distributed antenna system" means a network of spatially
4 separated antenna nodes connected to a common source via a
5 transport medium that provides wireless service within a geographic
6 area or structure.
- 7 (b) On or before January 1, 2018, the Connecticut Siting Council
8 shall develop a state-wide plan for siting small cell antenna and
9 distributed antenna systems. Such plan shall include a process for
10 siting small cell antenna and distributed antenna systems. Such
11 process shall include participation of the municipality in which the
12 small cell antenna or distributed antenna system is proposed to be
13 sited.

14 (c) On or before January 1, 2018, the Connecticut Siting Council shall
15 submit such plan to the joint standing committee of the General
16 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to technology. Not
17 later than thirty days after receipt of the plan, the committee shall
18 either disapprove, approve or approve with amendments to the plan,
19 provided if the committee takes no action within thirty days of receipt
20 of the plan, the plan shall be deemed approved.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2017	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require a state-wide plan and process for siting small cell antenna and distributed antenna systems.

[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.]

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