



Substitute House Bill No. 5454

Public Act No. 18-121

AN ACT CONCERNING NINETY-DAY PERMIT TURNAROUND TIMES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

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

Section 1. Section 22a-6ee of the 2018 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, whether received before, on or after the effective date of this section, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection shall make best efforts to review and make a final determination on each of the following types of permit applications not later than ninety days after receipt of such application provided such application is complete: (1) Air permits for the temporary use of radiation DTX or the temporary use of radiation RMI issued pursuant to section 22a-150, (2) aquifer protection registration issued pursuant to section 22a-354i-7 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies, [(3) aquifer protection, (4)] (3) certificate of permission issued pursuant to section 22a-363b, [(5) coastal management consistency review form for federal authorization, (6) emergency authorization to discharge to groundwater to remediate pollution, (7) property transfers, (8)] (4) disposal of special waste

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issued pursuant to section 22a-209 and any regulation adopted pursuant to said section, [(9) marine terminals, (10) pesticide application by aircraft, (11) pesticides in state waters, (12) waste transportation] (5) collecting waste oil or petroleum or chemical liquids or hazardous waste issued pursuant to section 22a-454, [(13)] (6) E-waste: Manufacturer issued pursuant to section 22a-630, [(14) E-waste: Covered recycler, (15)] (7) emergency discharge authorization issued pursuant to subsection (a) of section 22a-6k, [(16)] (8) online sportsmen licensing system, [(17)] (9) state park passes and bus permits issued pursuant to section 23-26, [(18)] (10) state parks and forests special use licenses issued pursuant to section 23-11, [(19) campground reservations] (11) leases of camping sites issued pursuant to sections 23-16 and 23-16a, [(20) other camping permits, (21)] (12) boating permits issued pursuant to section 15-140b, [(22)] (13) safe boating certifications issued pursuant to section 15-140e, [(23)] (14) marine event permits issued pursuant to section 15-121-A6 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies, [(24)] (15) marine dealer certificates issued pursuant to section 15-121-B5 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies, [(25)] (16) navigation marker permit issued pursuant to section 15-121-A5 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies, [(26)] (17) regulatory marker permit issued pursuant to section 15-121-A5 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies, [(27)] (18) water ski slalom course or jump permit issued pursuant to section 15-134, [(28) fishing tournaments, (29)] (19) inland fishing licenses issued pursuant to section 26-112, [(30)] (20) marine recreational and commercial licenses, [(31)] (21) hunting and trapping issued pursuant to section 26-30, [(32)] (22) nonshooting field trial issued pursuant to section 26-51-2 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies, [(33)] (23) private land shooting preserve permit issued pursuant to section 26-48, [(34)] (24) regulated hunting dog training applications issued pursuant to sections 26-49, 26-51 and 26-52, [(35)] (25) scientific collection permit for aquatic species, plants and wildlife, and for educational mineral collection issued pursuant to section 26-60, [(36) commercial arborist,

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(37) licensed environmental professional, (38) pesticide certification licensing and registration, (39) solid waste facility operator, (40) wastewater treatment facility operator certification, (41)] (26) commercial fishing licenses and permits issued pursuant to section 26-142a, [(42) forest practitioner, (43)] (27) nuisance wildlife control operator issued pursuant to subsection (b) of section 26-47, [(44)] (28) taxidermist issued pursuant to section 26-58, and [(45)] (29) wildlife rehabilitator issued pursuant to section 26-54. [Following such ninety-day period, if a final determination on such an application is not made by said agency, such application shall be deemed approved] Unless an applicant provides the department with additional time, in writing, the department shall ensure that all deficiencies in any of the applications for a permit described in this section are identified and the applicant notified, in writing, of such deficiencies not later than ninety days after the department received such application.

Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall establish a pilot program for the purpose of expediting the issuance of permits. In order to expedite the issuance of permits under the pilot program, the commissioner may authorize the use of not more than two licensed environmental professionals, as described in section 22a-133v of the general statutes, or other qualified environmental professionals certified by the commissioner as experts on relevant regulations and principles of environmental protection. The commissioner may establish fees for the expedited service provided under such pilot program. The commissioner shall retain all authority for the issuance of any permit pursuant to such pilot program.

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