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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 265

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING EXPEDITED PERMITTING PROCEDURES
BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION FOR BUSINESS INITIATION, EXPANSION OR NEW
PRODUCTION."**

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

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2018*) (a) The Internet web site
4 of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection shall
5 include an electronic form to request a preapplication meeting with the
6 department to discuss the application for any permit necessary for the
7 initiation of a new business or new manufacturing production line or
8 the expansion of an existing business. A business may also request
9 such a preapplication meeting in person, in writing or by phone.

10 (b) Not later than thirty days after receiving a request for a
11 preapplication meeting in accordance with subsection (a) of this

12 section, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection
13 shall make reasonable efforts to schedule a meeting with the
14 requesting business, identify the information required to process the
15 applications that are the subject of the preapplication meeting and
16 provide such business with an estimated timeframe in which the
17 commissioner would anticipate issuing a final decision on such
18 applications.

19 (c) The commissioner shall survey each business that requested a
20 preapplication meeting in accordance with subsection (a) of this
21 section following the final decision on the applications that were the
22 subject of such meeting. The survey shall collect information
23 concerning the experience of each such business with the
24 preapplication and permitting process. A summary of the information
25 collected from such surveys and the average time for processing
26 applications that were the subject of preapplication meetings shall be
27 included in the annual report required by section 22a-6r of the general
28 statutes, as amended by this act.

29 Sec. 2. Section 22a-6r of the general statutes is repealed and the
30 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

31 On or before July 1, 1997, and annually thereafter, the commissioner
32 shall submit to the Governor and the joint standing committees of the
33 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
34 environment and the Department of Economic and Community
35 Development a report on the permitting efforts of the Department of
36 Energy and Environmental Protection in the preceding state fiscal
37 year. Such report shall include, but not be limited to: An identification
38 of revenues received from permit application fees and any revenues
39 derived from the processing of such applications as set forth in this
40 chapter and the department's appropriation from the General Fund for
41 permitting activities; the number and amount of permit applications
42 received; the number of permit decisions issued and the number of
43 permits pending; the number and amount of permit application fees
44 refunded; the number of permit applications requiring alternative

45 timely action schedules pursuant to section 22a-6q; [and] a summary of
 46 the significant improvements the department has made in its
 47 permitting programs; a summary of the information collected in
 48 surveys of permit applicants that requested preapplication meetings in
 49 accordance with section 1 of this act and the average time for
 50 processing applications that were the subject of such preapplication
 51 meetings; and the number of violations investigated by the
 52 department's environmental quality division in the preceding state
 53 fiscal year and the number of such violations resolved by the division
 54 without the levy of a fine."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2018	New section
Sec. 2	October 1, 2018	22a-6r