
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 7283 (as amended by House "A" and "B")*

AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes the conveyance of a 1.5-acre parcel of state property in the town of Groton from the Department of Transportation (DOT) commissioner to the town. The town must pay fair market value for the property, as determined by averaging the appraisals of two independent appraisers selected by the commissioner, plus administrative costs. Additionally, if the commissioner determines that surveying the parcel is necessary for the purposes of the conveyance, the town must pay the costs of the survey.

The bill requires the DOT commissioner to determine the precise size and area of the parcel to be conveyed. It also prohibits the town from installing a monument on the parcel unless DOT approves its size, location, and materials to ensure (1) the department's ability to properly maintain Connecticut Route 117 and (2) that the monument poses no safety risk for people traveling on Route 117. Any deed or instrument necessary to effectuate the conveyance must include this prohibition.

Under the bill, the conveyance is subject to the State Properties Review Board's approval within 30 days after the board receives a proposed agreement from DOT. The parcel remains under DOT's care and control until the conveyance is completed.

*House Amendment "A" replaces the original bill, which required DOT to study transportation issues.

*House Amendment "B" adds the provisions concerning the (1) commissioner's determination of the parcel's precise size and area and (2) monument installation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 36 Nay 0 (03/20/2019)

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 10 Nay 2 (05/29/2019)