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AN ACT CONCERNING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY'S REVIEW OF CLAIMS ARISING FROM CONTRACTS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE AUTHORITY, PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE TRANSPORTATION OF NATURAL GAS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATOR QUALIFICATION OF INDIVIDUALS PERFORMING COVERED TASKS ON A PIPELINE FACILITY, CALL BEFORE YOU DIG PROGRAM VIOLATIONS AND FINES AND THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY POLICIES ACT.

As Amended by Senate "A" (LCO 10278)

Senate Calendar No.: 188

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### ***OFA Fiscal Note***

#### ***Explanation***

The bill as amended makes various changes to regulations related to natural gas, pipeline infrastructure, and the Connecticut Green Bank.

**Sections 2-11** make changes to regulations related to the transportation of gas, including potentially increasing the maximum fines related to violations of state and federal regulations from \$200,000 to \$213,000 (or \$2.1 million for a series of violations). Any revenue gain from an increase in fines from violations would vary based on the number of violations enforced and the amount fined.

**Section 21** allows the Connecticut Green Bank to seek federal funding sources from the Department of Agriculture. To the extent the Bank can secure such funding, there is a corresponding revenue gain to the Bank.

Other sections of the bill as amended are not anticipated to have a fiscal impact.

***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

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