



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 588**

LCO No. 5722



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

***AN ACT PROHIBITING OFF-SHORE DRILLING FOR OIL AND GAS IN CONNECTICUT.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 22a-473 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

3 (a) No person may engage in exploratory drilling for oil or gas until  
4 the regulations required by section 22a-472 are adopted.

5 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,  
6 no person shall engage in drilling for oil or gas, exploratory or  
7 otherwise, in the territorial waters of the state. No state agency or  
8 department, including, but not limited to, the Department of Energy  
9 and Environmental Protection, shall issue or approve any permit,  
10 lease, contract or conveyance for, or relating to, the drilling for oil or  
11 gas in the territorial waters of the state.

12 (c) No person shall engage in the practice of seismic mapping in the  
13 territorial waters of the state. No state agency or department,  
14 including, but not limited to, the Department of Energy and

15 Environmental Protection, shall issue or approve any permit, lease,  
16 contract or conveyance for, or relating to, seismic mapping in the  
17 territorial waters of the state. For the purposes of this section, "seismic  
18 mapping" means the use of sound wave technology to locate and map  
19 rocks and other geological formations below the Earth's surface that  
20 may contain oil or gas.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2019	22a-473

**Statement of Purpose:**

To minimize adverse environmental and tourism impacts from off-shore oil and gas drilling.

*[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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