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**Raised Bill No. 5474**

LCO No. 2628



Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:  
(PD)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF LOCAL CAPITAL  
IMPROVEMENT FUND GRANTS FOR THE REMOVAL AND TRIMMING  
OF CERTAIN TREES.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 7-536 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
3 *2020*):

4 (a) As used in sections 7-535 to 7-538, inclusive:

5 (1) "Adjusted equalized net grand list per capita" means the adjusted  
6 equalized net grand list per capita determined for each town pursuant  
7 to section 10-261;

8 (2) "Density" means the population of a municipality divided by the  
9 number of square miles of the municipality;

10 (3) "Grant anticipation note" means a note issued in anticipation of  
11 the receipt of project grants to the municipality from moneys in the  
12 Local Capital Improvement Fund;

13 (4) "Local capital improvement project" means a municipal capital  
14 expenditure project for any of the following purposes: (A) Road  
15 construction, renovation, repair or resurfacing, (B) sidewalk and  
16 pavement improvements, (C) construction, renovation, enlargement or  
17 repair of sewage treatment plants and sanitary or storm, water or sewer  
18 lines, including separation of lines, (D) public building construction  
19 other than schools, including renovation, repair, code compliance,  
20 energy conservation and fire safety projects, (E) construction,  
21 renovation, enlargement or repair of dams, bridges and flood control  
22 projects, (F) construction, renovation, enlargement or repair of water  
23 treatment or filtration plants and water mains, (G) construction,  
24 renovation or enlargement of solid waste facilities, (H) improvements to  
25 public parks, (I) the preparation and revision of local capital  
26 improvement plans projected for a period of not less than five years and  
27 so prepared as to show the general description, need and estimated cost  
28 of each individual capital improvement, (J) improvements to emergency  
29 communications systems and building security systems, including for  
30 schools, (K) public housing projects, including renovations and  
31 improvements and energy conservation and the development of  
32 additional housing, (L) renovations to or construction of veterans'  
33 memorial monuments, (M) thermal imaging systems, (N) bulky waste  
34 and landfill projects, (O) the preparation and revision of municipal  
35 plans of conservation and development adopted pursuant to section 8-  
36 23, provided such plans are endorsed by the legislative body of the  
37 municipality not more than one hundred eighty days after adoption by  
38 the commission, (P) acquisition of automatic external defibrillators, (Q)  
39 floodplain management and hazard mitigation activities, (R) on-board  
40 oil refining systems consisting of a filtration canister and evaporation  
41 canister that remove solid and liquid contaminants from lubricating oil,  
42 (S) activities related to the planning of a municipal broadband network,  
43 provided the speed of the network shall be not less than three hundred  
44 eighty-four thousand bits per second, (T) establishment of bikeways and  
45 greenways, (U) land acquisition, including for open space, and costs  
46 involved in making land available for public uses, (V) acquisition of

47 technology related to implementation of the Department of Education's  
48 common core state standards, (W) technology upgrades, including for  
49 improvements to expand public access to government information  
50 through electronic portals and kiosks, [and] (X) for the fiscal years  
51 ending June 30, 2013, and June 30, 2014, acquisition of snow removal  
52 equipment, capital expenditures made to improve public safety, and  
53 capital expenditures made to facilitate regional cooperation, and (Y) for  
54 hazardous tree removal and trimming of nonutility-related hazardous  
55 trees, tree limbs and tree branches on municipal property or within a  
56 municipal right-of-way. "Local capital improvement project" means  
57 only capital expenditures and includes repairs incident to  
58 reconstruction and renovation but does not include ordinary repairs  
59 and maintenance of an ongoing nature. As used in this subdivision,  
60 "floodplain management" and "hazard mitigation" have the same  
61 meanings as provided in section 25-68j;

62 (5) "Municipality" means any town, city, borough, consolidated town  
63 and city or consolidated town and borough;

64 (6) "Population" means the number of persons according to the most  
65 recent federal decennial census, except that, in intervening years  
66 between such censuses, "population" means the number of persons  
67 according to the most recent estimate of the Department of Public  
68 Health; and

69 (7) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
70 Management.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2020	7-536(a)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To authorize municipalities to use local capital improvement fund grants to remove and trim certain hazardous trees, limbs and branches.

*[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.]*