



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 760**

January Session, 2021

Substitute House Bill No. 6679

*House of Representatives, June 1, 2021*

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. FOX of the 148th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEASE OF A PARCEL OF STATE LAND  
IN THE CITY OF MILFORD.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding any provision  
2 of the general statutes, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental  
3 Protection shall lease to the Connecticut Audubon Society for a twenty-  
4 five-year period, a parcel of land in the city of Milford for the sum of  
5 one dollar, which lease may be further extended, in the discretion of the  
6 commissioner. Said parcel of land has a total area of approximately 8.4  
7 acres and is identified as the parcel described in a lease agreement dated  
8 October 10, 1986, and recorded in Book 1524 at Page 167 of the City of  
9 Milford Land Records. The lease and any extension of such lease shall  
10 be subject to the approval of the State Properties Review Board.

11 (b) The Connecticut Audubon Society shall use said parcel of land for  
12 open space purposes with public access, as determined by the  
13 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection and as

14 provided for in the lease agreement. If the Connecticut Audubon  
15 Society:

16 (1) Does not use said parcel for said purposes; or

17 (2) Subleases all or any portion of said parcel,

18 the leased parcel shall revert to the state of Connecticut.

19 (c) The State Properties Review Board shall complete its review of the  
20 lease of said parcel of land and any extension of such lease not later than  
21 thirty days after it receives a proposed agreement from the Department  
22 of Energy and Environmental Protection. The land shall remain under  
23 the care and control of said department until a lease is entered into in  
24 accordance with the provisions of this section. The Commissioner of  
25 Energy and Environmental Protection shall have the sole responsibility  
26 for all other incidents of such lease.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**GAE**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection; Resources of the General Fund	GF - See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill requires the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to lease a parcel of land to the Connecticut Audubon Society for a twenty-five year term at a cost of \$1, with extension of said lease allowable by DEEP. Should the lease be agreed to, DEEP would temporarily lose use of the asset and there would be a \$1 increase in revenues to the General Fund.

The lease is subject to the review and approval of the State Properties Review Board.



**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 16 Nay 0 (05/19/2021)