



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 5175**

LCO No. 540



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:  
REP. HORN, 64th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE SITING OF SOLAR FACILITIES ON CERTAIN FARMLANDS.**

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

1 That the general statutes be amended to: (1) Require the  
2 Commissioner of Agriculture to review Connecticut Siting Council  
3 applications for solar facilities with a proposed capacity of one  
4 megawatt or more and sixty-five megawatts or greater on prime  
5 farmland or farmland of state-wide importance, as determined by the  
6 United States Department of Agriculture or the Commissioner of  
7 Agriculture, (2) require the Connecticut Siting Council to have a  
8 member with a background in agriculture, (3) establish a Greenfields  
9 Conversion Solar Mitigation Fund for the purpose of purchasing  
10 conservation easements on agricultural lands, (4) require said agencies  
11 to maintain on their Internet web sites information on applications for  
12 such solar facilities and means for receipt of information by the public  
13 on such applications, and (5) require a decommissioning bond for such  
14 facilities on such farmlands.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To mitigate the siting of solar facilities on prime farmlands and farmlands of state-wide importance.