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Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by:
(TRA)

***AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE
CONNECTICUT AIRPORT AUTHORITY REGARDING THE PROVISION
OF SECURITY SERVICES AND METEOROLOGICAL EVALUATION
TOWERS.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 21 of public act 09-7 of the September special
2 session is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective from passage*):

4 Not later than December 1, [2009] 2021, the [Department of
5 Transportation] Connecticut Airport Authority and the Department of
6 [Public Safety] Emergency Services and Public Protection shall enter
7 into a [memorandum of understanding to provide that all associated]
8 contract providing for security services at Bradley International Airport.
9 Such contract shall provide that all costs incurred by the [Department of
10 Public Safety] department in providing sworn members of the Division
11 of State Police within the [Department of Public Safety to the]
12 department to Bradley International Airport for the purposes of security
13 shall be paid from the Bradley Enterprise Fund. Any payment made
14 pursuant to the contract shall be in compliance with all applicable

15 federal laws, regulations and guidelines.

16 Sec. 2. Section 2-90b of the general statutes is repealed and the
17 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

18 The Auditors of Public Accounts shall biennially conduct an audit of
19 reimbursements made from the Bradley Enterprise Fund to the
20 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to cover the
21 cost of Troop [W] H operations carried out in accordance with the
22 [memorandum of understanding] contract between the Department of
23 Emergency Services and Public Protection and the [Department of
24 Transportation] Connecticut Airport Authority.

25 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) (a) For the purposes of this
26 section, "meteorological evaluation tower" means a structure that (1) is
27 self-standing or supported by guy wires or anchors, (2) is not more than
28 six feet in diameter at the base, and (3) has accessory facilities on which
29 an antenna, sensor, camera, meteorological instrument or other
30 equipment is mounted for the purpose of documenting whether a site
31 has sufficient wind resources for the operation of a wind turbine
32 generator. "Meteorological evaluation tower" does not include a
33 structure that is located (A) adjacent to a building, including a barn or
34 an electric utility substation, or (B) in the curtilage of a residence.

35 (b) A meteorological evaluation tower that is at least fifty feet but not
36 more than two hundred feet in height above ground level: (1) Shall be
37 painted in equal alternating bands of aviation orange and white,
38 beginning with aviation orange at the top of the tower; (2) shall have
39 aviation orange marker balls installed and displayed in accordance with
40 the standards contained in current federal regulations and Federal
41 Aviation Administration advisory circulars; and (3) may not be
42 supported by guy wires unless the guy wires have a seven-foot-long
43 safety sleeve at each anchor point that extends from the anchor point
44 along each guy wire attached to the anchor point.

45 (c) Any person who violates any provision of subsection (a) of this
46 section shall subject to a fine of (1) not more than five hundred dollars if

47 such violation results in no physical injury, as defined in section 53a-3
48 of the general statutes, to another person, (2) not more than one
49 thousand dollars if such violation results in physical injury to another
50 person, (3) not more than five thousand dollars if such violation results
51 in serious physical injury, as defined in section 53a-2 of the general
52 statutes, to another person, and (4) not more than ten thousand dollars
53 if such violation results in the death of another person.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	PA 09-7 of the September Sp. Sess., Sec. 21
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	2-90b
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) require the Connecticut Airport Authority and the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to enter into a contract for security services at Bradley International Airport, and (2) establish safety standards for meteorological evaluation towers.

[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.]