



**Substitute House Bill No. 6679**

**Special Act No. 21-20**

**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:

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

(b) The Connecticut Audubon Society shall use said parcel of land for open space purposes with public access, as determined by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection and as provided for in the lease agreement. If the Connecticut Audubon Society:

- (1) Does not use said parcel for said purposes; or
- (2) Subleases all or any portion of said parcel,

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the leased parcel shall revert to the state of Connecticut.

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

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