



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 457**

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House Bill No. 5297

*House of Representatives, April 13, 2022*

The Committee on Environment reported through REP. GRESKO of the 121st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE MULTIPLICITY OF AFFECTING FACILITIES IN CERTAIN CENSUS BLOCK GROUPS IN THE STATE.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Energy and  
2 Environmental Protection shall consult with the Connecticut Equity and  
3 Environmental Justice Council and not later than January 1, 2023,  
4 submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the  
5 general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General  
6 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment.  
7 Such report shall include recommendations for revisions to section 22a-  
8 20a of the general statutes to prevent the further multiplicity of affecting  
9 facilities, as defined in said section, in: (1) Census block groups for  
10 which thirty per cent or more of the population consists of low income  
11 persons who are not institutionalized and have an income below two  
12 hundred per cent of the federal poverty level, and (2) distressed  
13 municipalities, as defined in subsection (b) of section 32-9p of the  
14 general statutes.

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

**ENV**      *Joint Favorable*

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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill requires the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to consult with the Connecticut Equity and Environmental Justice Council. Further, it requires DEEP to report to the Environment Committee, no later than January 1, 2023, on: (1) certain census block groups, and (2) distressed municipalities. This has no fiscal impact as DEEP has the necessary expertise for the consultation.

**The Out Years****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable

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