



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 323***

LCO No. 1811



Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:  
(PD)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL TREE REMOVAL ACCOUNT.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) (a) For the purposes of this  
2 section, "municipality" means any town, city, borough, consolidated  
3 town and city or consolidated town and borough, and "municipal road"  
4 has the same meaning as provided in section 13a-110a of the general  
5 statutes.

6 (b) There is established an account to be known as the "municipal tree  
7 removal account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within  
8 the General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys required by  
9 law to be deposited in the account. Moneys in the account shall be  
10 expended by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental  
11 Protection for the purpose of providing grants to municipalities for the  
12 removal of dead, dying and hazardous trees, tree limbs and tree  
13 branches from municipal property and municipal roads.

14 (c) The commissioner shall establish a grant application process,  
15 eligibility criteria for the provision of grants, and a formula for

16 determining the amount of each grant awarded pursuant to this  
17 subsection. The commissioner shall implement policies and procedures  
18 to carry out the provisions of this section while in the process of  
19 adopting such policies and procedures in regulation form, provided the  
20 commissioner posts notice of intent to adopt the regulation on the  
21 eRegulations System not later than twenty days after implementation.  
22 Such policies and procedures shall be valid until the final regulations  
23 are adopted.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2022	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To establish a municipal tree removal account to provide grants to municipalities for the removal of dead, dying and hazardous trees, tree limbs and tree branches from municipal property and municipal roads.

*[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.]*