



General Assembly

February Session, 2022

Substitute Bill No. 323



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, in accordance
20 with chapter 54 of the general statutes, provided the commissioner posts

21 notice of intent to adopt the regulation on the eRegulations System not
22 later than twenty days after implementation. Such policies and
23 procedures shall be valid until the final regulations are adopted.

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

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Subsec. (c), "in accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes," was inserted after "in regulation form," for consistency with standard drafting conventions.

PD *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*