



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 673

LCO No. 988



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
SEN. SOMERS, 18th Dist.

AN ACT REQUIRING RECIPROCAL FISHING AGREEMENTS TO ACCOMMODATE LANDINGS BY COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN WITH DISABILITIES.

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

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to require the Department of
- 2 Energy and Environmental Protection to negotiate a reciprocal
- 3 agreement with the states of Rhode Island and New York to allow a
- 4 commercial fisherman with a physical disability who cannot be aboard
- 5 such vessel when it lands to be able to make landings in said states.

Statement of Purpose:

To require Rhode Island and New York to honor Connecticut's policy of allowing a commercial fisherman with a disability to make landings in such state even though such fisherman is not able to be aboard such vessel at the time of such landings.