



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 965

LCO No. 3377



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT PROVIDING FUNDING FOR THE REMOVAL OF HAZARDOUS OR DEAD TREES BY MUNICIPALITIES.

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (3) of subsection (e) of section 7-536 of the
2 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

4 (3) (A) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (2) of
5 subsection (f) of this section, the secretary, at his or her discretion, may
6 authorize expense reimbursement for a project listed in subparagraphs
7 (T) to [(X)] (Y), inclusive, of subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of this
8 section prior to such project's inclusion on the local capital improvement
9 plan adopted by a municipality. The secretary may require certification
10 from the municipality that such municipality is taking steps to amend
11 its local capital improvement plan to include such project.

12 (B) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (c) of this section,
13 for the period commencing July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025, the
14 secretary shall additionally authorize expense reimbursement for any
15 project listed in subparagraph (Y) of subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of

16 this section from funds appropriated for such projects pursuant to
17 section 2 of this act.

18 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) The sum of fifteen million dollars is
19 appropriated to the Office of Policy and Management from the General
20 Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, for the purpose of
21 depositing such funds in the Local Capital Improvement Fund to
22 provide local improvement project grants for projects listed in
23 subparagraph (Y) of subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 7-536 of
24 the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	7-536(e)(3)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:
To provide additional funding to municipalities for the removal of dead or hazardous trees in public areas and along town 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.]