



General Assembly

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Offered by:
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To: Subst. House Bill No. 6397

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Cal. No. 203

"AN ACT CONCERNING ZERO-CARBON EMISSIONS."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The state hereby declares
4 a climate crisis to demonstrate the urgency for enacting meaningful
5 climate legislation and to support increased efforts to secure federal
6 funds to respond to such crisis. Such crisis threatens the resilience of
7 communities in the state, regardless of zip code, multiple aspects of the
8 state's natural resources and infrastructure assets, the state's economy
9 and the quality of life for younger generations of state residents.
10 Accordingly, the state recognizes the urgency to significantly and
11 rapidly decrease greenhouse gas emissions and increase community
12 coping capacities to handle the impacts of climate change. The state
13 recognizes the need and urgency to mitigate climate impacts and
14 prepare for and manage disaster risk from climate change.

15 (b) Not later than December 15, 2023, the Commissioner of Energy
16 and Environmental Protection shall, within available appropriations,

17 produce a comprehensive Connecticut Decarbonization Roadmap. Such
 18 roadmap shall identify those regulations, policies and programs
 19 necessary to ensure the state achieves the emissions reduction targets
 20 set forth in section 22a-200a of the general statutes, including, but not
 21 limited to, identifying: (1) Interim and sector-specific targets to assist in
 22 the planning process, which the commissioner shall review every five
 23 years and update as needed to meet such emissions reductions targets,
 24 (2) available federal funds to assist local businesses, schools and
 25 municipalities in reducing carbon emissions, (3) the estimated carbon
 26 emissions reductions of proposed policies, including the proportion of
 27 the total necessary reductions that each recommended policy achieves,
 28 (4) a timeline for implementation of recommended actions, (5) each
 29 entity with responsibility for implementing the policy, and (6) the
 30 estimated net value of the benefits of implementing the proposed
 31 policies, including, but not limited to, the energy cost savings and
 32 economic benefits.

33 (c) The Connecticut Decarbonization Roadmap shall ensure relevant
 34 timelines and deadlines of the Global Warming Solutions Act are met
 35 by the state and it shall assist in developing tangible actions to meet the
 36 emissions reduction requirements set forth in section 22a-200a of the
 37 general statutes. Such roadmap may include any information and
 38 recommendations from existing planning materials, such as the
 39 Governor's Council on Climate Change reports, the state's
 40 Comprehensive Energy Strategy, the state's Greenhouse Gas Emissions
 41 Inventory Report and the state's Integrated Resources Plan that is
 42 relevant to the state achieving such emission reduction targets."

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