



General Assembly

February Session, 2006

Raised Bill No. 540

LCO No. 2392



Referred to Committee on

Introduced by: **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**
(PD)

AN ACT CONCERNING FEES FOR UTILITY LINES CROSSING LONG ISLAND SOUND.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2006) Any person with a
2 certificate for electric power line crossings, gas pipeline crossings or
3 telecommunications crossings of Long Island Sound approved
4 pursuant to section 16-50k of the 2006 supplement to the general
5 statutes shall pay a one time fee to the Commissioner of Agriculture
6 for the use of state-owned land underwater. The commissioner shall
7 assess on such permittee a fee of not less than fifteen dollars and forty-
8 two cents per linear foot of cables and pipelines.

9 (b) The Commissioner of Agriculture may adopt regulations, in
10 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to
11 implement the provisions of this section, including, but not limited to,
12 procedures for assessment and payment of the fee.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2006	New section
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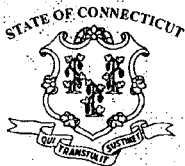
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LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE SECTION

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a fee to compensate the state for use of land under Long Island Sound.

[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.]



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 111

February Session, 2006

Substitute Senate Bill No. 540

Senate, March 23, 2006

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through SEN. COLEMAN of the 2nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING FEES FOR UTILITY LINES CROSSING LONG ISLAND SOUND.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) (a) Any person with a
2 certificate for electric power line crossings, gas pipeline crossings or
3 telecommunications crossings of Long Island Sound approved
4 pursuant to section 16-50k of the 2006 supplement to the general
5 statutes shall pay a one time fee to the Commissioner of Agriculture
6 for the use of state-owned land underwater. The commissioner shall
7 assess on such permittee a fee of not less than fifteen dollars and forty-
8 two cents per linear foot of cables and pipelines. Any fee under this
9 section shall be in addition to the host payment fee provided for in
10 subsection (c) of section 26-194 of the general statutes.

11 (b) The Commissioner of Agriculture may adopt regulations, in
12 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to
13 implement the provisions of this section, including, but not limited to,

- 14 procedures for assessment and payment of the fee.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

The last sentence of Subsec. (a) was added for consistency with the general statutes.

PD *Joint Favorable Subst.-LCO*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 07 \$	FY 08 \$
Department of Agriculture	GF - Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

It is estimated that the revenue gain from the one time fee of not less than fifteen dollars and forty-two cents per linear foot of cable, to be assessed by the Commissioner of Agriculture, would be approximately \$2.45 million in FY 07. Any potential future revenue gain due to additional certificates for electric power line crossings, gas pipeline crossings or telecommunication crossings of Long Island Sound approved pursuant to section 16-50k of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes is indeterminate at this time.

The Out Years

The potential future fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future.

OLR Bill Analysis
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**AN ACT CONCERNING FEES FOR UTILITY LINES CROSSING
LONG ISLAND SOUND.**

SUMMARY:

This bill requires anyone with a Siting Council certificate for electric power line, gas pipeline, or telecommunications crossing Long Island Sound to pay a one-time fee to the agriculture commissioner for the use of state-owned land underwater. The commissioner must assess each certified holder a fee of at least \$15.42 per linear foot of cables and pipelines. The bill allows the commissioner to adopt regulations to implement these provisions, including procedures for assessing and paying the fee.

This fee is in addition to the 40 cent per linear host payment fee charged to facilities crossing the Sound that require a Siting Council certificate or the approval of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2006

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 16 Nay 0 (03/13/2006)