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Welcome to our Environmental Legislative Updates.

Throughout Connecticut’s legislative session, these updates highlight developments concerning environmental law and policy. The author prepares updates as Legislative Liaison of the Connecticut Bar Association’s Environmental Law Section. Pullman & Comley is pleased to offer them in this format to a wider audience.

As the session proceeds, early updates will alert readers to proposals on a broad range of issues concerning the environment, narrowing focus over time on bills that continue to progress, and concluding with a post-session wrap-up of bills that pass as well as noteworthy also-rans. Along the way they’ll summarize and challenge arguments pro and con, examine the policy and science behind proposals, and occasionally cast a side glance at the vicissitudes and vagaries of the process. The views expressed will be the author’s own, not necessarily those of Pullman & Comley LLC.

Questions, comments, requests and suggestions are always welcome. Please email me at cmccormack@pullcom.com.

Concerns about the novel coronavirus are diverse and lurid enough to fill a coronavirus novel, or several. Your Legislative Liaison writes this afternoon from the Sunshine State, where as usual climate change does not exist, but which at the moment is also lacking sunshine and hand sanitizer. Might as well think happier thoughts about pending environmental legislation.

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We're catching up today on a fair number of bills. Herewith comments on those unilaterally deemed worth comment, followed by brief blurbs on all potentially relevant ones.

Having devoted much of our last update to the pending Transfer Act bill, it seems appropriate to open with SB 165 on remediation grants for dry cleaning facilities. This proposal includes several tweaks, but the most significant would seem to be expansion of eligibility beyond operators and property owners to Transfer Act certifying parties on current or former dry cleaner sites. We'll be seeing more of this one, which got a favorable committee report on March 5.

Drinking water: HB 5184 would require owners of properties supplied by public or semipublic wells to notify property tenants or lessees of the results of water quality test results exceeding maximum contaminant levels for public water supply systems. HB 5186 addresses three distinct topics: provision of drinking water by water companies in the event of a water main break or loss of system pressure, capacity implementation plans by small community water systems, and testing and reporting of approved water sources by bottlers.

We have an abundance of bills on bottles, recyclables, and nuisance waste.

- HB 5154 addresses the deposit part of the bottle picture, proposing to allow distributors to retain unclaimed deposits and to increase fees to redemption centers.
- HB 5340 sees 5145 on fees to handlers and raises on deposit value and coverage, proposing to add juice, tea, sports drink and energy drink containers.
- To address the collapse of recycling markets, SB 296 floats the idea of minimum recycled glass content for wine and liquor bottles, at least in the form of a directive to DEEP to convene "a collective" of New England state solid waste managers to establish requirements, and to make recommendations if the collective fails to collectivize.
- Another response to the market problem: HB 5342 proposes to direct DEEP to promulgate regulations to separate recyclables in the residential and nonresidential waste streams, for the purpose of producing marketable recyclables. Single-stream recycling: fun while it lasted.
- Speaking of disaggregating solid waste, SB 298 proposes to "encourage" diversion of source-separated organics by establishing a voluntary pilot program for municipalities, and by requiring large generators of such waste to send it to a composting facility if one is available within forty miles (versus the current twenty).
- Having slain the nonreusable plastic bag dragon, we sally forth to do battle with helium balloons (HB 5339) and to smite single-use plastic straws (SB 299).

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PFAS/PFOA etc. are the subject of three bills, HB 5288 (limit exposure), HB 5291 (limit use in food packaging), and SB 297 (prohibit in fire-fighting foam). HB 5291 also proposes to limit use of expanded polystyrene (Styrofoam) in food packaging, which has been the subject of separate proposals in the past. Are the two related, or is this a two-birds-one-stone bill?

Climate is the subject of HB 5215 (climate change instruction in public school curriculum), HB 5352 (public institutions of higher education to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 45% by 2030), and SB 345 (insurance commissioner to study and report on climate change issues). The latter is interesting – insurance underwriting and securities law disclosures are two areas in which objective facts on this subject get dispassionate analysis.

Under the general heading of extended producer responsibility, note SB 300 to require assessment of the need to apply EPR to smoke detectors, and SB 420 to make minor changes to the paint stewardship program.

Two bills on pesticides. SB 292 proposes to put notices of pesticide application that are filed with DEEP online in searchable form. (What could go wrong?) SB 301 renews the effort to phase out chlorpyrifos.

We largely leave the "parks and rec" bills to fend for themselves, but because they're also occasionally known as the "birds and bunnies" part of the portfolio, we really have to mention HB 5337, which addresses a need someone apparently perceives "to provide a means for the processing of rabbits in the state for consumption by consumers and retail food establishments." We assume they mean "at retail food establishments," but we could be missing something.

Greenways: mentioned in the blurbs for HB 5259 and HB 5324, but actually mentioned only in the latter, with the idea of making fees for "greenway" license plates a dedicated account for, you know, greenways. HB 5477 would permit municipalities to abate property taxes for "greenway" recreational trails subject to conservation easements.

Back for another try: HB 5300 to declare a moratorium on crumb rubber ground covers at municipal and public school playgrounds. Also HB 5341 prohibiting sale and breeding of certain cetaceans (order Odontoceti, for those playing along at home) with various exceptions including those already in the state. DREAMER dolphins, perhaps.

In the Bemused Environment Committee category, we bring you SB 495, a proposal concerning selection of caterers by people who rent state-owned facilities. Apparently the distinction is between those that "have a contract with the commissioner" to perform catering services and those that do not. The latter would be allowed to serve upon providing information not less than twelve months before the event for the commissioner's approval. With available staffing and within available funds, no doubt.

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For the bonus legislative update, we are tempted to go with SB 363 concerning the designation of commemorative and celebratory days, weeks, and months. But we have learned that it is better not to question the worthiness of these designations, and "Kindness Week" ("to promote acts of kindness among the residents of the state") actually sounds like a nice idea. But ties always go to bills that propose a solution in search of a problem, so today's winner is HB 5408 to adopt Atlantic Standard Time. But only if Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New York do it too, and the feds approve. Southbound Amtrak customers traveling beyond Penn Station would no doubt relish being advised of the local time in Newark

HOUSE

Proposed H.B. No. 5154 REP. MUSHINSKY, 85th DIST. 'AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE RETENTION OF UNCLAIMED BOTTLE DEPOSITS BY DISTRIBUTORS AND REQUIRING AN INCREASE IN THE HANDLING FEE PAID TO REDEMPTION CENTERS', to shift unclaimed bottle deposits from the state to beverage distributors and to require distributors to fairly compensate bottle redemption stores for each container they redeem.

REF. ENVIRONMENT

Proposed H.B. No. 5155 REP. KLARIDES, 114th DIST.; REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST.; REP. O'DEA, 125th DIST.; REP. KOKORUDA, 101st DIST.; REP. ZUPKUS, 89th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE INCREASE IN THE GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION FEE', to eliminate the recent increase in the greenhouse gas reduction fee.

REF. ENVIRONMENT

Proposed H.B. No. 5169 REP. FISHBEIN, 90th DIST.; REP. HAYES, 51st DIST.; REP. LANOUE, 45th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING FREE FISHING LICENSES TO VETERANS WHO HAVE BEEN HONORABLY DISCHARGED', to allow veterans to fish free of charge.

REF. ENVIRONMENT

Proposed H.B. No. 5170 REP. FISHBEIN, 90th DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING SENIOR CITIZENS FROM THE PASSPORT TO THE PARKS MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE', to exempt senior citizens from the Passport to the Parks fee.

REF. ENVIRONMENT

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H.B. No. 5184 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING WATER QUALITY NOTIFICATION', to require the owner of a property supplied by a public well or a well for semipublic use to notify each tenant and lessee of such property of the results of certain water quality tests.
REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

H.B. No. 5186 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SAFE DRINKING WATER', to require (1) water companies to provide drinking water to consumers in the event of a water main break or loss of system pressure; (2) small community water systems to prepare capacity implementation plans; and (3) bottlers to test approved water sources for unregulated contaminants and report such results to the department.
REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

H.B. No. 5207 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING SENIOR CITIZENS FROM THE "PASSPORT TO THE PARKS FEE"', to exempt senior citizens age sixty-five and older from the "Passport to the Parks Fee".
REF. AGING

H.B. No. 5215 (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF CLIMATE CHANGE INSTRUCTION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CURRICULUM', to include climate change instruction in the public school curriculum of the state.
REF. EDUCATION

H.B. No. 5259 (RAISED) TRANSPORTATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AT CROSSWALKS, SPEED LIMITS IN MUNICIPALITIES, FINES AND CHARGES FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS AND THE GREENWAYS COMMEMORATIVE ACCOUNT', to (1) require motorists to grant the right-of-way to pedestrians who affirmatively indicate their intention to cross the road in a crosswalk; (2) allow local traffic authorities to establish lower speed limits on streets under their jurisdiction by holding a public hearing regarding such speed limits and providing notification of such speed limits to the Office of the State Traffic Administration; (3) increase the fine for operating a motor vehicle while using a hand-held mobile telephone or electronic device; (4) increase the additional fee provided to municipalities for certain traffic violations; and (5) establish the greenways commemorative account.

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REF. TRANSPORTATION

H.B. No. 5288 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PERFLUOROALKYL AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES', to limit the public's exposure to perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.
REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

H.B. No. 5291 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT LIMITING THE USE OF PERFLUOROALKYL AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES AND EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE IN FOOD PACKAGING', to limit the use of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances and expanded polystyrene in food packaging.
REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

H.B. No. 5300 (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM ON THE INSTALLATION OF RECYCLED TIRE RUBBER AT MUNICIPAL AND PUBLIC SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS', to establish a moratorium on the installation of crumb rubber ground covers at municipal and public school playgrounds.
REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

H.B. No. 5302 (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ABANDONED AND BLIGHTED PROPERTY RECEIVERSHIP', to remove the municipal population threshold for certain parties to petition the Superior Court for appointment of a receiver for a blighted and abandoned property.
REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

H.B. No. 5324 (RAISED) TRANSPORTATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AT CROSSWALKS, SPEED LIMITS IN MUNICIPALITIES, FINES AND CHARGES FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS AND THE GREENWAYS COMMEMORATIVE ACCOUNT', to (1) require motorists to grant the right-of-way to pedestrians who affirmatively indicate their intention to cross the road in a crosswalk; (2) allow local traffic authorities to establish lower speed limits on streets under their jurisdiction by holding a public hearing regarding such speed limits and providing notification of such speed limits to the Office of the State Traffic Administration; (3) increase the fine for operating a motor vehicle while using a hand-held mobile

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telephone or electronic device; (4) increase the additional fee provided to municipalities for certain traffic violations; (5) establish a fine for opening the door of a motor vehicle in a way that impedes the travel of a pedestrian or a person riding a bicycle; and (6) establish the greenways commemorative account.
REF. TRANSPORTATION

H.B. No. 5337 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROCESSING OF RABBITS FOR CONSUMPTION', to provide a means for the processing of rabbits in the state for consumption by consumers and retail food establishments.
REF. ENVIRONMENT

H.B. No. 5338 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF ANIMAL FIGHTING PARAPHERNALIA', to prohibit the sale of items that are used for animal fighting.
REF. ENVIRONMENT

H.B. No. 5339 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE RELEASE OF HELIUM BALLOONS INTO THE ATMOSPHERE', to prohibit the knowing release of helium balloons into the atmosphere.
REF. ENVIRONMENT

H.B. No. 5340 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE MODERNIZATION OF THE CONNECTICUT BOTTLE REDEMPTION PROGRAM', to modernize the functioning of the Connecticut Bottle Bill by expanding its coverage and increasing certain fees paid pursuant to the bottle redemption program.
REF. ENVIRONMENT

H.B. No. 5341 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE AND BREEDING OF CERTAIN CETACEANS', to prohibit the sale and breeding of certain cetaceans.
REF. ENVIRONMENT

H.B. No. 5342 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MULTI-STREAM RECYCLING', to provide for multi-stream recycling in order to establish marketable streams for recycled materials and lessen the effects of such materials on the state's solid waste stream.

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REF. ENVIRONMENT

H.B. No. 5343 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING LOCAL REPRESENTATION ON THE CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS', to allow for local representation on the Siting Council for certain proceedings involving electric distribution companies.

REF. ENVIRONMENT

H.B. No. 5344 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING OFF-SHORE DRILLING FOR OIL AND GAS IN CONNECTICUT', to prohibit off-shore drilling for oil and gas and the mapping for such oil in the coastal waters of the state.

REF. ENVIRONMENT

H.B. No. 5345 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE REVIEW OF FARMLAND PRESERVATION TRANSACTIONS', to eliminate the State Property Review Board's review of Farmland Preservation Program transactions in order to expedite their occurrence.

REF. ENVIRONMENT

H.B. No. 5346 (RAISED) ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING RESIDENTIAL SEWER USE CHARGES DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS', to set the charges for a residential user's connection with and use of a sewerage system during the summer months at an amount based upon the average volume of water discharged to the sewerage system during the nonsummer months.

REF. ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

H.B. No. 5352 (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CLIMATE ADAPTATION STRATEGIES AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION', to require public institutions of higher education to develop and implement strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions on their campuses by forty-five per cent by the January 1, 2030.

REF. HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

H.B. No. 5454 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A

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TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM', to examine the scope, need and effects of the Department of Transportation's vegetation management program.
REF. ENVIRONMENT

H.B. No. 5455 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REVISION OF CERTAIN HUNTING AND FISHING RELATED STATUTES', to revise certain fishing and hunting related statutes concerning motor vehicle deer strikes, bow and arrow hunting, the use of night vision devices and veteran fishing events.
REF. ENVIRONMENT

H.B. No. 5456 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EXEMPTIONS TO THE PASSPORT TO THE PARKS FEE FOR SENIORS, VETERANS AND CERTAIN VEHICLE OWNERS', to exempt senior citizens and veterans from the Passport to the Parks vehicle registration fee and to apply such vehicle registration fee to only one vehicle when a person registers more than one vehicle with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.
REF. ENVIRONMENT

H.B. No. 5457 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FREE BOW AND ARROW PERMITS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS', to provide senior citizens with free bow and arrow permits to hunt deer and small game.
REF. ENVIRONMENT

H.B. No. 5477 (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX ABATEMENT FOR CERTAIN CONSERVATION EASEMENTS', to authorize municipalities to abate real property taxes due on any portion of land that (1) meets the criteria for designation as a greenway, (2) is a terrestrial recreational trail that does not exceed one hundred feet in width, and (3) is the subject of a conservation easement conveyed by the owner of the land to a municipality, the state or a nonprofit land conservation organization.
REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

SENATE

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S.B. No. 165 (RAISED) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DRY CLEANING ESTABLISHMENT REMEDIATION GRANTS', to make various revisions to the eligibility requirements and application procedures for dry cleaning establishment remediation grants.
REF. COMMERCE

S.B. No. 179 (RAISED) ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT GREEN BANK', to enable the Connecticut Green Bank to be considered as a potential borrower of funds from the United States Department of Agriculture and to fix technical changes concerning the appointed term length of a board of directors member.
REF. ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

S.B. No. 242 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF GOODS AND USE OF BUILDING MATERIALS CONTAINING ASBESTOS', to protect the public's health by banning asbestos.
REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

S.B. No. 281 (RAISED) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE PROPERTY TRANSFER LAW', to make various revisions to the property transfer law and establish a release-based remediation program.
REF. COMMERCE

S.B. No. 292 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS AND PESTICIDE REGULATION IN THE STATE', to require information contained in notices of pesticide application that are filed with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to be entered into an electronic, searchable spreadsheet that is available for public use.
REF. ENVIRONMENT

S.B. No. 293 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RELEASE-BASED PROPERTY REMEDIATION PROGRAM', to transition from a transfer-based property remediation program to a release-based property remediation program.
REF. ENVIRONMENT

S.B. No. 294 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE AND TRADE OF IVORY AND RHINOCEROS HORN IN

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CONNECTICUT', to prohibit the sale of ivory and rhinoceros horn in the state.
REF. ENVIRONMENT

S.B. No. 295 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SELECTION OF CATERERS FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO RENT STATE-OWNED VENUES', to allow vendor choice for persons who rent certain state facilities.
REF. ENVIRONMENT

S.B. No. 296 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A MINIMUM RECYCLED GLASS CONTENT FOR WINE AND LIQUOR BOTTLES SOLD OR DISTRIBUTED IN THE NORTHEAST REGION', to require the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection to convene a collective of New England states for the purpose of establishing a minimum recycled content for glass wine and liquor bottles sold in the region.
REF. ENVIRONMENT

S.B. No. 297 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF PERFLUOROALKYL OR POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES IN CLASS B FIREFIGHTING FOAM', to prohibit the use of PFAS in firefighting foams and develop a take-back program for such products.
REF. ENVIRONMENT

S.B. No. 298 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FOOD WASTE DIVERSION AND ANAEROBIC DIGESTION FACILITIES', to encourage the development of additional anaerobic digestion facilities in the state that are available to divert food waste from the state's solid waste stream.
REF. ENVIRONMENT

S.B. No. 299 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISTRIBUTION OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC STRAWS', to curtail the automatic distribution of single-use plastic straws in the state at certain locations.
REF. ENVIRONMENT

S.B. No. 300 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL OF SMOKE DETECTORS', to require an assessment of the need to implement an extended producer responsibility program

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for residential smoke detectors.

REF. ENVIRONMENT

S.B. No. 301 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF CHLORPYRIFOS', to create a general phase out of the use of the insecticide chlorpyrifos.

REF. ENVIRONMENT

S.B. No. 345 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER TO STUDY AND REPORT ON ISSUES CONCERNING CLIMATE CHANGE', to require the Insurance Commissioner to (1) annually conduct a study on issues related to climate change and report the results of such study to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to insurance, and (2) assess the feasibility of collecting and reporting additional data concerning climate change.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

S.B. No. 354 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GREEN NEW DEAL FOR CONNECTICUT', to create jobs and transition the state to a clean, renewable energy economy.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

S.B. No. 411 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FUND FOR THE EFFECT OF CERTAIN OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY PROJECTS ON STATE FISHERIES', to compensate commercial fishermen for lost revenues associated with the effects of certain offshore wind energy projects and require disclosure of the contract and associated documents for such project.

REF. ENVIRONMENT

S.B. No. 412 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING WEED MAPPING ON CANDLEWOOD LAKE', to provide funding for the mapping of invasive aquatic weeds in Candlewood Lake.

REF. ENVIRONMENT

S.B. No. 413 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF EXOTIC OR WILD ANIMALS IN TRAVELING ANIMAL

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ACTS', to prohibit the use of exotic or wild animals in traveling circuses.
REF. ENVIRONMENT

S.B. No. 414 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING
PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP OF CERTAIN PRESSURIZED GAS
CONTAINERS', to require the Department of Energy and Environmental
Protection to establish a product stewardship program for certain pressurized gas
containers.
REF. ENVIRONMENT

S.B. No. 415 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING
VETERINARY REPORTING OF DOGS USED IN ANIMAL FIGHTING',
to require veterinarians to report to local law enforcement agencies when they
treat dogs that they believe have been used in animal fighting.
REF. ENVIRONMENT

S.B. No. 416 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT PROVIDING FOR
CERTAIN RESTROOM FACILITIES AT STATE PARKS AND BOAT
LAUNCHES', to provide essential facilities at certain state parks and boat
launches.
REF. ENVIRONMENT

S.B. No. 417 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE
HARVESTING OF HORSESHOE CRABS DURING A FULL MOON', to
prohibit the harvesting of horseshoe crabs during the time of a full moon phase in
order to preserve horseshoe crab populations.
REF. ENVIRONMENT

S.B. No. 418 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PAY
KIOSKS AT STATE PARKS', to require the installation of pay kiosks at certain
state parks for the collection of parking fees by out-of-state residents.
REF. ENVIRONMENT

S.B. No. 419 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING
VEGETATION MANAGEMENT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION', to require certain assessments concerning endangered
and threatened species be performed by the Department of Transportation prior to
conducting certain tree removal projects along state highways.

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REF. ENVIRONMENT

S.B. No. 420 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PAINT STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM', to decrease the paint stewardship assessment for certain containers of architectural paint sold in the state.
REF. ENVIRONMENT

S.B. No. 421 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF CIRCLE FISH HOOKS', to require fishermen to use nonoffset circle hooks under certain methods when fishing for striped bass and blue fish.
REF. ENVIRONMENT

S.B. No. 423 (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS AND ALTERNATIVE SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS', to increase to ten thousand gallons per day the maximum capacity of certain subsurface sewage disposal systems and alternative on-site sewage treatment systems over which the Department of Public Health has jurisdiction.
REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

BONUS

S.B. No. 363 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF VARIOUS DAYS, WEEKS AND MONTHS', to designate various days, weeks and months.
REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

H.B. No. 5408 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF ATLANTIC STANDARD TIME', to require the state to adopt Atlantic Standard time upon the enactment of legislation in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New York adopting said time and federal approval of such change.
REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

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