

General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 7172

LCO No. **5146**

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by: (ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SEWAGE RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT.

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (4) of subsection (c) of section 22a-424a of the 2 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu 3 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (4) Not later than December 1, [2021] 2026, the Department of Energy 5 and Environmental Protection shall implement a real-time public notification system, through which the public may choose to be notified 6 7 by phone, electronic mail or text message of any sewage spills or 8 permitted sewage bypasses as such sewage spills or permitted sewage bypasses are reported electronically to said department. Such real-time 9 10 public notifications shall <u>be provided independent of any social media</u> 11 platform and occur not later than two hours after said department's 12 receipt of any such report.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following
sections:Section 1from passage22a-424a(c)(4)

Statement of Purpose:

To require development of a sign-up service for the public's receipt of certain sewage spill notifications by phone, electronic mail or text.

[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.]