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"AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE REGARDING AQUACULTURE."

Strike sections 1 to 7, inclusive, in their entirety and renumber the
 remaining sections and internal references accordingly

After the last section, add the following and renumber sections andinternal references accordingly:

5 "Sec. 501. Subsection (a) of section 22a-6 of the general statutes is
6 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*7 *passage*):

8 (a) The commissioner may: (1) Adopt, amend or repeal, in accordance 9 with the provisions of chapter 54, such environmental standards, 10 criteria and regulations, and such procedural regulations as are 11 necessary and proper to carry out the department's functions, powers 12 and duties; (2) enter into contracts with any person, firm, corporation or 13 association to do all things necessary or convenient to carry out the 14 functions, powers and duties of the department; (3) initiate and receive

15 complaints as to any actual or suspected violation of any statute, 16 regulation, permit or order administered, adopted or issued by the 17 department. The commissioner shall have the power to hold hearings, 18 administer oaths, take testimony and subpoena witnesses and evidence, 19 enter orders and institute legal proceedings including, but not limited 20 to, suits for injunctions, for the enforcement of any statute, regulation, 21 order or permit administered, adopted or issued by the department; (4) 22 in accordance with regulations adopted by the department, require, 23 issue, renew, revoke, modify or deny permits, under such conditions as 24 the commissioner may prescribe, governing all sources of pollution in 25 Connecticut within the department's jurisdiction; (5) in accordance with 26 constitutional limitations, enter at all reasonable times, without liability, 27 upon any public or private property, except a private residence, for the 28 purpose of inspection and investigation to ascertain possible violations 29 of any statute, regulation, order or permit administered, adopted or 30 issued by the department and the owner, managing agent or occupant 31 of any such property shall permit such entry, and no action for trespass 32 shall lie against the commissioner for such entry, or the commissioner 33 may apply to any court having criminal jurisdiction for a warrant to 34 inspect such premises to determine compliance with any statute, 35 regulation, order or permit administered, adopted or enforced by the 36 department, provided any information relating to secret processes or 37 methods of manufacture or production ascertained by the commissioner 38 during, or as a result of, any inspection, investigation, hearing or 39 otherwise shall be kept confidential and shall not be disclosed except 40 that, notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (5) of subsection (b) 41 of section 1-210, such information may be disclosed by the 42 commissioner to the United States Environmental Protection Agency 43 and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission pursuant to the federal 44 Freedom of Information Act of 1976, (5 USC 552) and regulations 45 adopted thereunder or, if such information is submitted after June 4, 46 1986, to any person pursuant to the federal Clean Water Act (33 USC 47 1251 et seq.); (6) undertake any studies, inquiries, surveys or analyses 48 the commissioner may deem relevant, through the personnel of the 49 department or in cooperation with any public or private agency, to

50 accomplish the functions, powers and duties of the commissioner; (7) 51 require the posting of sufficient performance bond or other security to 52 assure compliance with any permit or order; (8) provide by notice 53 printed on any form that any false statement made thereon or pursuant 54 thereto is punishable as a criminal offense under section 53a-157b; (9) 55 construct or repair or contract for the construction or repair of any [dam 56 or flood and erosion control system] service road, trail, greenway, 57 bridge, dam, flood prevention, climate resilience and erosion control 58 system, as defined in section 25-85, or other civil or natural resource 59 infrastructure under the department's control and management; [,] (10) 60 make or contract for the making of any alteration, repair or addition to 61 any other real asset under the department's control and management, 62 including rented or leased premises, involving an expenditure of [five 63 hundred thousand] one million dollars or less, [and,] provided, not later 64 than July 1, 2028, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of 65 Administrative Services shall adjust such threshold expenditures by the 66 percentage change in the Producer Price Index by Commodity; 67 Construction (Partial) (WPU80), not seasonally adjusted, or its successor 68 index, as calculated by the United States Department of Labor, over the 69 preceding calendar year, rounded to the nearest multiple of one 70 hundred dollars, and shall post such adjusted dollar amounts on the Internet web site of the Department of Administrative Services; (11) 71 72 with prior approval of the Commissioner of Administrative Services, 73 make or contract for the making of any alteration, repair or addition to 74 such other real asset under the department's control and management 75 involving an expenditure of more than [five hundred thousand] one 76 million dollars but not more than [one] three million dollars, [; (10)] 77 provided, not later than July 1, 2028, and annually thereafter, the 78 Commissioner of Administrative Services shall adjust such threshold 79 expenditures by the percentage change in the Producer Price Index by Commodity; Construction (Partial) (WPU80), not seasonally adjusted, 80 81 or its successor index, as calculated by the United States Department of Labor, over the preceding calendar year, rounded to the nearest 82 83 multiple of one hundred dollars, and shall post such adjusted dollar amounts on the Internet web site of the Department of Administrative 84

85 Services; (12) in consultation with affected town and watershed 86 organizations, enter into a lease agreement with a private entity owning 87 a facility to allow the private entity to generate hydroelectricity 88 provided the project meets the certification standards of the Low Impact 89 Hydropower Institute; [(11)] (13) by regulations adopted in accordance 90 with the provisions of chapter 54, require the payment of a fee sufficient 91 to cover the reasonable cost of the search, duplication and review of 92 records requested under the Freedom of Information Act, as defined in 93 section 1-200, and the reasonable cost of reviewing and acting upon an 94 application for and monitoring compliance with the terms and 95 conditions of any state or federal permit, license, registration, order, 96 certificate or approval required pursuant to subsection (i) of section 22a-97 39, subsections (c) and (d) of section 22a-96, subsections (h), (i) and (k) 98 of section 22a-424, and sections 22a-6d, 22a-32, 22a-134a, 22a-134e, 22a-99 135, 22a-148, 22a-150, 22a-174, 22a-208, 22a-208a, 22a-209, 22a-342, 22a-100 345, 22a-354i, 22a-361, 22a-363c, 22a-368, 22a-372, 22a-379, 22a-403, 22a-101 409, 22a-416, 22a-428 to 22a-432, inclusive, 22a-449 and 22a-454 to 22a-102 454c, inclusive, and Section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act, (33 USC 103 1341). Such costs may include, but are not limited to the costs of (A) 104 public notice, (B) reviews, inspections and testing incidental to the 105 issuance of and monitoring of compliance with such permits, licenses, 106 orders, certificates and approvals, and (C) surveying and staking 107 boundary lines. The applicant shall pay the fee established in 108 accordance with the provisions of this section prior to the final decision 109 of the commissioner on the application. The commissioner may 110 postpone review of an application until receipt of the payment. Payment 111 of a fee for monitoring compliance with the terms or conditions of a 112 permit shall be at such time as the commissioner deems necessary and 113 is required for an approval to remain valid; and [(12)] (14) by regulations 114 adopted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, require the 115 payment of a fee sufficient to cover the reasonable cost of responding to 116 requests for information concerning the status of real estate with regard 117 to compliance with environmental statutes, regulations, permits or 118 orders. Such fee shall be paid by the person requesting such information 119 at the time of the request. Funds not exceeding two hundred thousand

120 dollars received by the commissioner pursuant to subsection (g) of 121 section 22a-174, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1985, shall be 122 deposited in the General Fund and credited to the appropriations of the 123 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection in accordance 124 with the provisions of section 4-86, and such funds shall not lapse until 125 June 30, 1986. In any action brought against any employee of the 126 department acting within the scope of delegated authority in 127 performing any of the above-listed duties, the employee shall be 128 represented by the Attorney General.

Sec. 502. Section 16a-101 of the general statutes is repealed and thefollowing is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

131 As used in this chapter:

(1) "Atomic energy" has the same meaning as provided in 42 USC2014, as amended from time to time;

134 (2) "By-product material" means each of the following: (A) Any 135 radioactive material, other than special nuclear material, that is yielded 136 in or made radioactive by exposure to radiation which is incidental to 137 the process of producing or utilizing special nuclear material; (B) the 138 tailings or wastes produced by the extraction or concentration of 139 uranium or thorium from any ore processed primarily for its source 140 material content, including discrete surface wastes resulting from 141 uranium solution extraction processes but excluding any underground 142 ore bodies depleted by such solution extraction processes; (C) any 143 discrete source of radium-226 that is produced, extracted or converted 144 after extraction for use for a commercial, medical or research activity; 145 (D) any material that (i) was made radioactive by use of a particle 146 accelerator, including by use of a fusion machine, and [that] (ii) if made 147 radioactive by use of a particle accelerator that is not a fusion machine, 148 is produced, extracted or converted after extraction for use for a 149 commercial, medical or research activity; and (E) any discrete source of 150 naturally occurring radioactive material, other than source material, 151 that is extracted or converted after extraction for use in a commercial,

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| 152 | medical or research activity, if the United States Nuclear Regulatory |
| 153 | Commission determines that the source would pose a threat similar to |
| 154 | the threat posed by a discrete source of radium-226 to the public health |
| 155 | and safety; |
| 156 157 | (3) "Production facility" has the same meaning as provided in 42 USC 2014, as amended from time to time; |
| 158 | (4) "Special nuclear material" means: (A) Plutonium, uranium 233, |
| 159 | uranium enriched in the isotope 233 or in the isotope 235, and any other |
| 160 | material if the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission |
| 161 | determines the material to be such special nuclear material, but does not |
| 162 | include source material; or (B) any material artificially enriched by any |
| 163 | elements, isotopes or materials listed in subparagraph (A) of this |
| 164 | subdivision not including source materials; |
| 165 | (5) "Utilization facility" has the same meaning as provided in 42 USC |
| 166 | 2014, as amended from time to time; |
| 167 | (6) "Radioactive material" means any solid, liquid or gas that emits |
| 168 | ionizing radiation spontaneously; |
| 160 | (7) "Source material" means each of the following (A) Uranium |
| 169 170 | (7) "Source material" means each of the following: (A) Uranium, thorium or any combination of said elements, in any physical or |
| 170 | chemical form; (B) any other material if the United States Nuclear |
| 172 | Regulatory Commission determines the material to be source material; |
| 173 | and (C) ores that contain uranium, thorium or any combination of said |
| 174 | elements in a concentration by weight of 0.05 per cent or more, or in |
| 175 | such lower concentration if the United States Nuclear Regulatory |
| 176 | Commission determines the material in such concentration to be source |
| 177 | material; |
| 178 | (8) "Naturally occurring radioactive material" means material that |
| 179 | contains radionuclides that are naturally present in the environment in |
| 180 | materials, including, but not limited to, rocks, soil, minerals, natural gas, |
| 181 | petroleum and ground or surface water; |
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| 182 | (9) "Discrete source" means a radionuclide that was processed such |
| 183 | that its concentration within a material was purposely increased for use |
| 184 | for commercial, medical or research activities; and |
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| 185 186 | (10) "Fusion machine" has the same meaning as provided in 42 USC |
| 186 | 2014, as amended from time to time. |
| 187 | Sec. 503. Section 22a-151 of the general statutes is repealed and the |
| 188 | following is substituted in lieu thereof (<i>Effective from passage</i>): |
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| 189 | As used in sections 22a-151 to 22a-158, inclusive, as amended by this |
| 190 | <u>act</u> : |
| 191 | (1) "By-product material" means each of the following: (A) Any |
| 192 | radioactive material, other than special nuclear material, that is yielded |
| 193 | in or made radioactive by exposure to radiation which is incidental to |
| 194 | the process of producing or utilizing special nuclear material; (B) the |
| 195 | tailings or wastes produced by the extraction or concentration of |
| 196 | uranium or thorium from any ore processed primarily for its source |
| 197 | material content, including discrete surface wastes resulting from |
| 198 | uranium solution extraction processes but excluding any underground |
| 199 | ore bodies depleted by such solution extraction processes; (C) any |
| 200 | discrete source of radium-226 that is produced, extracted or converted |
| 201 | after extraction for use for a commercial, medical or research activity; |
| 202 | (D) any material that (i) was made radioactive by use of a particle |
| 203 204 | accelerator, including by use of a fusion machine, and [that] (ii) if made |
| 204 205 | radioactive by use of an accelerator that is not a fusion machine, is produced, extracted or converted after extraction for use for a |
| 205 | commercial, medical or research activity; and (E) any discrete source of |
| 200 | naturally occurring radioactive material, other than source material, |
| 208 | that is extracted or converted after extraction for use in a commercial, |
| 209 | medical or research activity, if the United States Nuclear Regulatory |
| 210 | Commission determines that the source would pose a threat similar to |
| 211 | the threat posed by a discrete source of radium-226 to the public health |
| 212 | and safety; |
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(2) "Ionizing radiation" means gamma rays and x-rays, alpha and beta
particles, high speed electrons, neutrons, protons and other nuclear
particles, but not sound or radio waves, or visible, infrared or ultra
violet light. The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection
shall be empowered to make regulations amending or modifying this
definition;

(3) "General license" means a license effective pursuant to regulations
promulgated by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
Protection without the filing of an application for, or issuance of a
licensing document for, the transfer, transport, acquisition, ownership,
possession or use of quantities of, or devices or equipment utilizing byproduct, source, special nuclear materials or other radioactive material
occurring naturally or produced artificially;

(4) "Specific license" means a license, issued after application, to use,
manufacture, produce, transfer, transport, receive, acquire, own, or
possess quantities of, or devices or equipment utilizing by-product,
source, special nuclear materials or other radioactive material occurring
naturally or produced artificially;

231 (5) "Person" means any individual, corporation, limited liability 232 company, partnership, firm, association, trust, estate, public or private 233 institution, group, agency, other than any federal agency, political 234 subdivision of this state, any other state or political subdivision or 235 agency thereof, and any legal successor, representative, agent or agency 236 of any of the foregoing, other than the United States Nuclear Regulatory 237 Commission or any successor thereto, and other than agencies of the 238 government of the United States licensed by the United States Nuclear 239 Regulatory Commission or any successor thereto;

(6) "Registration" means registration in conformance with the
requirements of section 22a-148. The issuance of a specific license
pursuant to sections 22a-151 to 22a-158, inclusive, as amended by this
act, shall be deemed to satisfy fully any registration requirements set
forth in said section;

245 (7) "Source material" means each of the following: (A) Uranium, 246 thorium or any combination of said elements, in any physical or 247 chemical form; (B) any other material if the United States Nuclear 248 Regulatory Commission determines the material to be source material; 249 and (C) ores that contain uranium, thorium or any combination of said 250 elements in a concentration by weight of 0.05 per cent or more, or in 251 such lower concentration if the United States Nuclear Regulatory 252 Commission determines the material in such concentration to be source 253 material;

254 (8) "Special nuclear material" means:

(A) Plutonium, uranium 233, uranium enriched in the isotope 233 or
in the isotope 235 and any other material if the United States Nuclear
Regulatory Commission determines the material to be such special
nuclear material, but does not include source material; or (B) any
material artificially enriched by any elements, isotopes or materials
listed in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision not including source
materials;

262 (9) "Radioactive materials" means any solid, liquid or gas that emits263 ionizing radiation spontaneously;

264 (10) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Energy and265 Environmental Protection or the commissioner's designee or agent;

(11) "Naturally occurring radioactive material" means material that
contains radionuclides that are naturally present in the environment in
materials, including, but not limited to, rocks, soil, minerals, natural gas,
petroleum and ground or surface water;

(12) "Discrete source" means a radionuclide that was processed such
that its concentration within a material was purposely increased for use
for commercial, medical or research activities;

(13) "Sources of ionizing radiation" means, collectively, radioactive
materials and radiation generating equipment; and

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| 275 | (14) "Fusion machine" has the same meaning as provided in 42 USC | |
| 276 | 2014, as amended from time to time. | |

277 Sec. 504. Section 26-159a of the general statutes is repealed and the 278 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

279 To establish and manage populations of marine and anadromous 280 finfish and marine arthropods and to facilitate the establishment of 281 unified coast-wide regulations in accordance with the provisions of 282 fishery management plans developed pursuant to the Fishery 283 Conservation and Management Act of 1976 (Public Law 94-265, as 284 amended) or other regional fishery management authorities, the 285Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may adopt 286 regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 governing possession of such species, sport fishing and commercial fishing by 287 288 persons fishing for such species in the waters of this state or landing 289 such species in this state, regardless of where such species were taken. 290 Such regulations may: (1) Establish the open and closed seasons; (2) 291 establish hours, days or periods during the open season when fishing 292 shall not be permitted in designated waters or areas for all or limited 293 species by all or limited methods; (3) establish legal lengths; (4) prescribe the legal methods of sport fishing for all or limited species; (5) establish 294 295 for sport fishing the daily creel limit, the season creel limit and the 296 possession limit; (6) restrict sport fishing from boats and other floating 297 devices and sport fishing from designated areas; (7) determine the 298 species which may be taken by commercial fishing methods, provided 299 striped bass, Atlantic salmon, other anadromous salmon, brown trout, 300 rainbow trout and brook trout may only be taken by angling and, if 301 taken in the waters of this state, shall not be sold, bartered, exchanged 302 or offered for sale, barter or exchange; (8) prescribe the legal methods of 303 commercial fishing; (9) determine the specifications, materials and 304 dimensions of nets, seines, fykes, traps, pounds, trawls, trolling gear, 305 long lines, set lines and other commercial fishing gear used in the waters 306 of this state; (10) regulate the use and marking of commercial fishing 307 gear, including boats used to conduct activities authorized pursuant to

| 308 | section 26-142a; (11) determine the number and size of finfish and |
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| 309 | marine arthropods which may be taken by commercial fishermen; (12) |
| 310 | determine the total number and pounds of finfish and marine |
| 311 | arthropods, by species, which may be taken by commercial fishing |
| 312 | methods or for commercial purposes during a calendar year or lesser |
| 313 | period; (13) prohibit the landing of protected species; (14) for a fishing |
| 314 | derby or tournament, require that such activity be registered and that |
| 315 | an accurate report of all fish tagged, marked and taken, time spent on |
| 316 | an area and any other data required by the commissioner for |
| 317 | management purposes be returned within a specified period of time. |
| 318 | Any person who violates any regulation concerning sport fishing |
| 319 | adopted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 and this section |
| 320 | shall have committed an infraction and may pay the fine by mail or |
| 321 | plead not guilty under the provisions of section 51-164n. Any |
| 322 | declaration related to interstate fishery management plans that is made |
| 323 | pursuant to a regulation adopted pursuant to this section shall remain |
| 324 | in effect until a new declaration is made or such regulation is amended. |
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Sec. 505. Section 26-142b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) For the purposes of this section, "active" with regard to a principal
commercial fishing license, general commercial fishing license or
commercial lobster pot fishing license means that the license has been
renewed in the current year, and "temporary incapacitation" means a
<u>reported physical or mental illness or injury that will affect a person for</u>
a limited period of time.

333 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Commissioner 334 of Energy and Environmental Protection may reissue an active principal 335 commercial fishing license, general commercial fishing license or 336 commercial lobster pot fishing license in the event the license holder is 337 temporarily incapacitated and unable to operate a vessel or perform 338 other necessary functions associated with commercial fishing or in the 339 event a license holder is unable to conduct commercial fishing due to 340 exigencies related to medical care of an immediate family member. The

341 license holder shall submit a written request for such reissuance to the commissioner and include in such submission either a medical note 342 343 from a treating practitioner that confirms such temporary incapacitation 344 of the license holder, or a note from a treating practitioner of the 345 immediate family member who requires medical care, as applicable. 346 Such temporary license may only be issued to a member of such license 347 holder's immediate family or to a member of such license holder's crew, 348 as designated by such license holder, for the [duration of such license 349 holder's incapacity or exigencies related to medical care of an immediate 350 family member of such license holder] remainder of the calendar year in which the temporary license is issued. The license holder may renew 351 352 such license and reapply for such a temporary transfer license in the 353 event such temporary incapacity or need for medical care of an 354 immediate family member continues. Such temporary license shall be 355 subject to the provisions of section 26-142a. Landings during the period 356 of such temporary license reissue may be used to satisfy the 357 requirements for license transfer in subsection (c) of this section, 358 provided the licensee met all such requirements for transfer at the time 359 of such temporary reissue.

360 (c) The commissioner may authorize the transfer of an active 361 principal commercial fishing license, general commercial fishing license 362 or commercial lobster pot fishing license, issued pursuant to subsection 363 (f) of section 26-142a, provided: (1) For purposes of an active resident-364 held principal or general commercial fishing license or commercial lobster pot fishing license: (A) The person receiving the license in such 365 transfer is a resident of this state, and (B) the person transferring the 366 367 license held the license and landed regulated species or owned a vessel 368 that landed regulated species under the privilege of a quota-managed 369 species endorsement associated with the license in at least five of the 370 eight calendar years preceding the transfer request and such license-371 specific landings were reported to the commissioner, pursuant to 372 section 26-157b, for not less than thirty fishing days in each year, or (2) 373 for purposes of an active nonresident-held principal or general 374 commercial fishing license or commercial lobster pot fishing license: The 375 person transferring the license held the license and landed regulated 376 species or owned a vessel that landed regulated species under the 377 privilege of a quota-managed species endorsement associated with the 378 license in at least five of the eight calendar years preceding the transfer 379 request and such landings were reported to the commissioner, pursuant 380 to section 26-157b, for not less than thirty fishing days in each year. Such 381 license-specific landings shall be verified by seafood dealer reports 382 submitted pursuant to section 26-157b. The recipient of a transferred 383 commercial lobster pot fishing license or principal commercial fishing 384 license shall be limited to the number of lobster pots allocated to such 385 license, except a transferee who currently holds a commercial lobster pot 386 fishing license, issued pursuant to subsection (f) of section 26-142a, shall 387 be limited to the number of pots allocated to such person's currently 388 held commercial lobster pot fishing license or principal commercial 389 fishing license or to the transferred license, whichever is greater. The 390 length of any commercial fishing vessel used by the recipient of a 391 transferred license to fish with a trawl net in the waters of this state shall 392 be not more than twenty per cent greater than the length of the largest 393 vessel used by the person transferring the license during such qualifying 394 period.

(d) (1) In the event of the death of the holder of an active principal
commercial fishing license, general commercial fishing license or
commercial lobster pot fishing license, the commissioner may authorize
the transfer of such license pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, for
a period of two years from the date of death of such license holder.

400 (2) If the deceased license holder held such license for a period of less 401 than five complete calendar years, the commissioner may authorize the 402 transfer of such license (A) subject to the provisions of this section, and 403 (B) provided the deceased license holder landed regulated species or 404owned a vessel that landed regulated species under the privilege of a 405 quota-managed species endorsement associated with the license in each 406 calendar year during which the deceased license holder held the license 407 for six months or longer, and (C) provided such landings were reported

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| 408 | to the commissioner by the deceased license holder, pursuant to section |
| 409 | 26-157b, for not less than thirty fishing days in each year. |
| 410 | (e) Upon transfer of a license, the original license holder shall become |
| 411 | ineligible to obtain a renewal of that license. Such original license holder |
| 412 | may acquire a new license through a subsequent license transfer. |
| 413 | (f) A transfer of a license under this section shall not be made while a |
| 414 | commercial fishery license, registration or vessel permit held by the |
| 415 | transferor or transferee is under suspension and a transfer shall not be |
| 416 | authorized for any transferee who has had a commercial fishery license, |
| 417 | registration or vessel permit revoked or suspended within the preceding |
| 418 | twelve months. |
| 419 | Sec. 506. Section 23-5c of the general statutes is repealed and the |
| 420 | following is substituted in lieu thereof (<i>Effective from passage</i>): |
| 421 | The commissioner shall establish a system of natural area preserves |
| 422 | and shall have responsibility for selection, care, control, supervision and |
| 423 | management of all natural area preserves within the system to the extent |
| 424 | of the interest held by the state, and shall maintain such preserves in as |
| 425 | natural and wild a state as is consistent with the preservation and |
| 426 | enhancement of protected resources and educational, scientific, |
| 427 | biological, geological, paleontological and scenic purposes. In |
| 428 | establishing such system, the commissioner shall consider as a priority |
| 429 | the acquisition of areas identified as essential habitats of endangered |
| 430 | and threatened species pursuant to the program established under |
| 431 | section 26-305. The commissioner, alone or in cooperation with |
| 432 | individuals or other public bodies, including the federal government, |
| 433 | may conduct inventories of areas within the state that may prove |
| 434 | worthy of inclusion within a system of natural area preserves, and may |
| 435 | gather and disseminate information concerning inventoried areas, or |
| 436 | natural area preserves under his control. Information collected in such |
| 437 | inventories shall become part of the natural diversity database of the |
| 438 | Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. The |
| 439 | commissioner shall ensure the use of natural area preserves for research |

440 consistent with purposes of sections 23-5a to 23-53, inclusive. [, and 441 26-314.] The commissioner may adopt regulations under the provisions 442 of section 23-4 for managing the natural area preserves system 443 including, but not limited to, procedures for the adoption and revision 444 of a management plan for each designated natural area preserve. A 445 management plan may permit recreational activities which do not 446 adversely impact the protected resources of the natural area preserve. 447 The commissioner may use funds available under section 23-79 for the 448 development and implementation of such management plans.

Sec. 507. Subsection (b) of section 32-1s of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

452 (b) Any order or regulation of the Connecticut Commission on 453 Culture and Tourism, which is in force on July 1, 2011, shall continue in 454 force and effect as an order or regulation of the Department of Economic 455 and Community Development until amended, repealed or superseded 456 pursuant to law. Where any order or regulation of said commission or 457 said department conflicts, the Commissioner of Economic and 458 Community Development may implement policies and procedures 459 consistent with the provisions of this section and sections 3-110f, 3-110h, 460 3-110i, 4-9a, 4-66aa, 4-89, 4b-53, 4b-60, 4b-64, 4b-66a, 5-198, 7-147a, 7-461 147b, 7-147c, 7-147j, 7-147p, 7-147q, 7-147y, 8-37lll, 10-382, 10-384, 10-385, 462 10-386, 10-387, 10-388, 10-389, 10-391, 10-392, 10-394, 10-395, 10-396, 10-463 397, 10-397a, 10-399, 10-400, 10-401, 10-402, 10-403, 10-404, 10-405, 10-464 406, 10-408, 10-409, 10-410, 10-411, 10-412, 10-413, 10-414, 10-415, 10-416, 465 10-416a, 10-416b, 10a-111a, 10a-112, 10a-112b, 10a-112g, 11-6a, 12-376d, 466 13a-252, 19a-315b, 19a-315c, 22a-1d, 22a-19b, [22a-27s,] 29-259, 32-11a 467 and 32-35 while in the process of adopting the policy or procedure in 468 regulation form, provided notice of intention to adopt regulations is 469 printed in the Connecticut Law Journal not later than twenty days after 470 implementation. The policy or procedure shall be valid until the time 471 final regulations are effective.

472 Sec. 508. Subsection (b) of section 22a-208i of the general statutes is

473 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*474 *passage*):

475 (b) The commissioner may, by regulations adopted in accordance 476 with chapter 54, exempt categories or classes of recycling facilities from 477 the requirements of said section 22a-208a or 22a-430 provided such 478 exemption would not adversely affect the environment and would 479 advance the objectives of the solid waste management plan adopted and 480 revised under sections 22a-228 and 22a-241a. [and the municipal solid 481 waste recycling plan adopted under section 22a-241.] No person or 482 municipality may operate or continue to operate a recycling facility 483 without permits issued under said section 22a-208a or 22a-430 unless 484 such person or municipality first files with the commissioner a written 485 request for exemption under the regulations adopted under this section.

Sec. 509. Subsection (c) of section 22a-241g of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(c) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to exempt a
municipality from the requirements of sections [22a-241] <u>22a-241a</u> to
22a-241b, inclusive, 22a-241e and 22a-241g, <u>as amended by this act</u>.

492 Sec. 510. Section 22a-241h of the general statutes is repealed and the 493 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

494 Notwithstanding the provisions of the recycling strategy of the state-495 wide solid waste management plan adopted pursuant to section 22a-496 227, any single municipality, or any regional solid waste authority or 497 regional solid waste operating committee comprised of at least five 498 municipalities, may apply for and receive any funds made available by 499 the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection. [In making 500 a grant under section 22a-241 to any such regional solid waste authority 501 or regional solid waste operating committee, the commissioner shall 502 develop a plan for the use of the grant in consultation with such 503 authority or operating committee.]

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| 504 | Sec. 511. Subsection (b) of section 22a-260a of the general statutes is |
| 505 | repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (<i>Effective from</i> |
| 506 | passage): |
| 507 | (b) Wherever the words "Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority" |
| 508 | are used in any public or special act of 2014 or in the following sections |
| 509 | of the general statutes, the words "Materials Innovation and Recycling |
| 510 | Authority" shall be substituted in lieu thereof: 1-79, 1-120, 1-124, 1-125, |
| 511 | 7-329a, 12-412, 12-459, 16-1, 16-245, 16-245b, 22a-208a, 22a-208v, 22a- |
| 512 | 209h, 22a-219b, 22a-220, [22a-241,] 22a-260, 22a-261, 22a-263a, 22a-263b, |
| 513 | 22a-268a, 22a-268b, 22a-270a, 22a-272a, 22a-282, 22a-283, 22a-284, 32-1e |
| 514 | and 32-658. |
| 515 | Sec. 512. Subsection (b) of section 22a-284a of the general statutes is |
| 516 | repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (<i>Effective from</i> |
| 517 | passage): |
| 518 | (b) Wherever the words "Materials Innovation and Recycling |
| 519 | Authority" are used in any public or special act of 2023 or in the |
| 520 | following sections, the words "MIRA Dissolution Authority" shall be |
| 521 | substituted in lieu thereof: 1-79, 1-120, 1-124, 1-125, 7-329a, 12-412, 12- |
| 522 | 459, 16-1, 16-245, 16-245b, 22a-208a, 22a-208v, 22a-209h, 22a-219b, 22a- |
| 523 | 220, [22a-241,] 22a-260, 22a-263a, 22a-263b, 22a-268a, 22a-268b, 22a-268g, |
| 524 | 22a-270a, 22a-272a, 22a-282, 22a-283, 22a-284, 32-1e and 32-658. |
| 525 | Sec. 513. Sections 22a-27s, 22a-27t, 22a-241, 26-157f and 26-314 of the |
| 526 | general statutes are repealed. (<i>Effective from passage</i>)" |
| | This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following |

| sections: | | 0 |
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| Sec. 501 | from passage | 22a-6(a) |
| Sec. 502 | from passage | 16a-101 |
| Sec. 503 | from passage | 22a-151 |
| Sec. 504 | from passage | 26-159a |
| Sec. 505 | from passage | 26-142b |
| Sec. 506 | from passage | 23-5c |

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| Sec. 507 | from passage | 32-1s(b) |
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| Sec. 508 | from passage | 22a-208i(b) |
| Sec. 509 | from passage | 22a-241g(c) |
| Sec. 510 | from passage | 22a-241h |
| Sec. 511 | from passage | 22a-260a(b) |
| Sec. 512 | from passage | 22a-284a(b) |
| Sec. 513 | from passage | Repealer section |