



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 62

LCO No. 109



Referred to Committee on FINANCE, REVENUE AND
BONDING

Introduced by:
SEN. HARDING, 30th Dist.

**AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR THE
ENHANCEMENT AND EXTENSION OF HIGH-SPEED BROADBAND
INTERNET ACCESS IN RURAL COMMUNITIES.**

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

- 1 That the State Bond Commission be empowered to authorize the
- 2 issuance of bonds of the state in accordance with section 3-20 of the
- 3 general statutes, in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate
- 4 ___ dollars, the proceeds of which shall be used by the Department of
- 5 Energy and Environmental Protection, for the purpose of providing
- 6 grants-in-aid for the enhancement and extension of high-speed
- 7 broadband Internet access in rural communities.

Statement of Purpose:

To provide funding to improve access to quality Internet and cellular
telephone service in rural communities.