



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 421

LCO No. 2471



Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:

(ET)

AN ACT CONCERNING REPORTING OF DOUBLE UTILITY POLES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) As used in this section:

2 (1) "Public utility pole" means a pole owned by a telephone company,
3 an electric distribution company or a municipal electric utility that is
4 used to support lines for (A) the distribution of electricity, (B)
5 telecommunications services, (C) the lighting of streets or sidewalks, or
6 (D) traffic signals;

7 (2) "Double utility pole" means the existence of more than one utility
8 pole within a radius of six feet resulting from incomplete work to
9 replace a public utility pole;

10 (3) "Electric distribution company" has the same meaning as
11 provided in section 16-1 of the general statutes;

12 (4) "Telecommunications services" has the same meaning as provided
13 in section 16-247a of the general statutes;

14 (5) "Telephone company" has the same meaning as provided in
15 section 16-1 of the general statutes; and

16 (6) "Municipal electric utility" means a municipal electric utility
17 established pursuant to chapter 101 of the general statutes.

18 (b) On or before July 1, 2027, the Commissioner of Energy and
19 Environmental Protection shall develop and implement an electronic
20 system that allows any person to submit a report of double utility poles.
21 Before submitting a report pursuant to this section, the commissioner
22 may require that a person create a user account, verified in any manner
23 deemed appropriate by the commissioner, on the Internet web site of
24 the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. To ensure
25 accuracy in the reporting of double utility poles, the commissioner may
26 require that any such submission be accompanied by a detailed
27 description of the location of the double utility poles and a photograph
28 of such poles. The commissioner shall make such reporting system
29 publicly available on the Internet web site of the Department of Energy
30 and Environmental Protection.

31 (c) On or before October 31, 2027, and not less than quarterly
32 thereafter, the commissioner shall compile a list of double utility pole
33 reports submitted through the system and make such list available to
34 any electric distribution company, telephone company or municipal
35 electric utility in the state.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection to implement a system for reporting double utility poles.

[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.]