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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENT FOR CERTAIN WATER COMPANIES REQUESTING TO CEASE OPERATIONS OR DISCONTINUE THE PROVISION OF WATER SERVICE."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 15, 2027, the
4 Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, in consultation with the
5 Department of Public Health, shall submit a report, in accordance with
6 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint
7 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
8 matters relating to commerce, public health and energy. Such report
9 shall include a listing of each instance, in the most recent two calendar
10 years, in which a water company, as defined in section 16-262n of the
11 general statutes, submitted an application for consent of the authority

12 or department to cease its operations or discontinue the provision of
 13 water service to customers pursuant to the provisions of section 16-46 of
 14 the general statutes. Such report shall include (1) a docket timeline for
 15 each such application that specifies the dates of any docket activity, (2)
 16 a list of any documents or other materials upon which the authority
 17 relied in rendering a decision on such application, including, but not
 18 limited to, responses to interrogatories, water quality reports and
 19 written testimony, and (3) any other details concerning the processing
 20 of such application that the authority deems appropriate to include in
 21 such report.

22 Sec. 2. Section 16-46 of the general statutes is amended by adding
 23 subsection (c) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

24 (NEW) (c) Not later than July 1, 2026, the Public Utilities Regulatory
 25 Authority shall initiate a docket for the purpose of adopting regulations,
 26 in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, requiring that, in any
 27 notice of a proceeding conducted pursuant to this section that is issued
 28 by the authority, the authority shall provide written instructions that
 29 inform a water company of the process whereby such company may
 30 request an expedited review of a request made pursuant to this section."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	16-46(c)