



General Assembly

Amendment

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LCO No. 6187



Offered by:

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To: House Bill No. 5281

File No. 57

Cal. No. 62

"AN ACT CONCERNING PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT."

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

3 "Section 1. Section 22a-20b of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

5 Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, any special
6 act, municipal charter or ordinance, in any municipality having a
7 population of [ten] twenty thousand persons or fewer, as of the most
8 recent decennial census of the United States, all or part of which is listed
9 by the Department of Economic and Community Development as a
10 distressed community, or which is listed by the Department of Energy
11 and Environmental Protection as an environmental justice community,
12 and in which any waste incinerator, resource recovery facility, trash-to-
13 energy facility or renewable energy facility permitted by the
14 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, or other affecting

15 facility, as defined in section 22a-20a, is located, or is located outside of
16 such municipality but within fifteen miles of a proposed new affecting
17 facility in such municipality, any elector or voter of such municipality
18 may petition for a town referendum, in accordance with the applicable
19 provisions of sections 7-7 and 7-9, for the reversal of any approval or
20 denial, as applicable, of a permit by the commissioner pursuant to
21 section 22a-20a, for a new affecting facility that is based on the
22 considerations required by subsection (g) of said section. An affirmative
23 vote of such electorate shall constitute the reversal of such approval or
24 denial of such permit, as applicable, notwithstanding such approval or
25 denial by the commissioner, as applicable."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2026	22a-20b