



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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LCO No. 5646



Offered by:

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 319

File No. 458

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING BATTERY-POWERED LAWN EQUIPMENT FUNDING FOR MUNICIPALITIES, REGIONAL SCHOOLS AND COMMERCIAL LANDSCAPERS."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 22a-20b of the general statutes is repealed and the  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:		
Sec. 501	October 1, 2026	22a-20b