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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5522

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE SEWAGE RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT
AND REQUIRING A REPORT CONCERNING WELL
CONTAMINATION PROTOCOLS."**

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

3 "Section 1. Section 22a-424a of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5 (a) For the purposes of this section:

6 (1) "Sewage treatment plant or collection system" means any sewage
7 treatment plant, water pollution control facility, related pumping
8 station, collection system or other public sewage works;

9 (2) "Sewage spill" means the diversion of wastes from any portion of
10 a sewage treatment plant or collection system in this state;

11 (3) "Combined sewer" means structures which are designed to
12 convey both sanitary and storm sewage, and allow the overflow of such

13 combined sewage, untreated, to the waters of the state during periods
14 of high flows; and

15 (4) "Electronic report" means a reporting form that uses an electronic
16 format as prescribed by the Commissioner of Energy and
17 Environmental Protection.

18 (b) On and after July 1, 2013, the Commissioner of Energy and
19 Environmental Protection shall post, on the department's Internet web
20 site, a map of the state indicating where sewage spills, anticipated
21 combined sewer overflows and permitted sewage bypasses occur. The
22 Internet web site shall include all information posted pursuant to
23 subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of this section and shall be current.

24 (c) (1) On and after July 1, 2014, not later than two hours after receipt
25 of any report submitted pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection,
26 the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall post,
27 on the department's Internet web site, notice of any such reported
28 sewage spills and permitted sewage bypasses. Any notice or report
29 posted pursuant to this subsection shall contain the following relevant
30 information as best determined by the operator of the sewage treatment
31 plant or collection system that filed the subject report: (A) The estimated
32 volume or rate of discharge and, once known, the final volume
33 discharged; (B) the level of treatment of the discharge; (C) the date and
34 time the incident occurred; (D) the location of the discharge; (E) once
35 known, the estimated or actual time the discharge ceased; (F) the
36 geographic area impacted by the discharge; (G) once known, the steps
37 taken to contain the discharge; (H) reasonable public health, safety or
38 welfare concerns or environmental concerns; and (I) public safety
39 precautions that should be taken.

40 (2) On and after July 1, 2018, not later than two hours after becoming
41 aware of any sewage spill or permitted sewage bypass, the operator of
42 a sewage treatment plant or collection system shall submit an electronic
43 report to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection that
44 includes all of the information required for any notice or report posted

45 in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection.
46 Such report shall be updated by the operator on a daily basis for each
47 additional day that the sewage spill or permitted sewage bypass
48 continues after the submittal of the initial report and until such time as
49 the sewage spill or permitted sewage bypass ceases. Any such report
50 shall be posted on the Internet web site of such operator.

51 (3) On and after July 1, 2018, not later than two hours after becoming
52 aware of any sewage spill or permitted sewage bypass that reaches a
53 water body or may come in contact with the general public, the operator
54 of a sewage treatment plant or collection system shall notify the chief
55 elected official, or such official's designee, and the local public health
56 official of the municipality where the sewage spill or permitted sewage
57 bypass occurred and the chief elected official, or such official's designee,
58 and the local public health official of any municipality that may be
59 potentially impacted downstream by such spill or sewage bypass. As
60 soon as practicable, but not later than two hours after receipt of any such
61 notice pursuant to this subdivision, each such chief elected official, in
62 conjunction with the local public health official, shall inform the public
63 of any sewage spill or permitted sewage bypass that has the potential to
64 impact public health, safety or the environment. Any such information
65 provided to the public may be provided through the use of social media
66 and shall be provided in each predominant language spoken by the
67 residents of such municipality.

68 (4) Not later than December 1, [2021] 2026, the Department of Energy
69 and Environmental Protection shall implement a real-time public
70 notification system that is separate from and independent of any social
71 media platform, through which the public may [choose to be notified of]
72 sign up to receive alerts directly to such person's phone via text message
73 or electronic mail, of any sewage spills or permitted sewage bypasses as
74 such sewage spills or permitted sewage bypasses are reported
75 electronically to said department. Such real-time public notifications
76 shall occur not later than two hours after said department's receipt of
77 any such report.

78 (5) Not later than February 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, the
79 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection shall publish and
80 make publicly available on the department's Internet web site an annual
81 report that includes a summary of the sewage spills that occurred within
82 each municipality during such year, a summary of sewage spills that
83 reached named or identified water bodies, a summary of the total
84 volume of each category of sewage spill and any enforcement actions
85 taken by the department related to such sewage spills.

86 (d) Any report to the Department of Energy and Environmental
87 Protection that is required pursuant to section 22a-430-3 of the
88 regulations of Connecticut state agencies shall be submitted as an
89 electronic report.

90 (e) The failure to file an electronic report pursuant to any provision
91 of this section shall be deemed a violation of the provisions of this
92 section for purposes of section 22a-438.

93 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Energy and
94 Environmental Protection, in accordance with the provisions of section
95 11-4a of the general statutes and not later than January 1, 2027, shall
96 submit a report to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
97 having cognizance of matters relating to the environment on the
98 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's protocols for
99 interacting with the Department of Public Health and local departments
100 of health in the event of private well contamination in a community.
101 Such report shall detail any prohibitions on the sharing of information
102 among such public agencies and the reasons for such prohibitions.
103 Additionally, such report shall detail the degree to which the
104 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection canvasses a
105 community in the event of such private well contamination to enable
106 potentially affected homeowners and commercial property owners to
107 learn about such contamination and take any requisite or recommended
108 steps to ensure the health and safety of private wells in the community.

109 Sec. 3. Section 1 of substitute house bill 5333 of the current session, as

110 amended by House Amendment Schedule "A", is repealed and the
111 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

112 Notwithstanding any provision of title 26 of the general statutes, any
113 person who violates any regulation concerning the taking of striped
114 bass, whether in the marine or inland waters of the state, shall be fined
115 one hundred fifty dollars for a first offense, three hundred fifty dollars
116 for a second offense and five hundred dollars for a third or any such
117 subsequent offense, by mail, or plead not guilty in accordance with the
118 provisions of section 51-164n of the general statutes, as amended by this
119 act, provided for any violation imposed pursuant to this section that
120 occurs in the towns of Derby, Shelton, Orange, Milford or Stratford, the
121 amount of such fine shall be paid to the respective municipality where
122 the violation occurred if a municipal law enforcement officer issued
123 such violation.

124 Sec. 4. Subsection (b) of section 51-164n of the 2026 supplement to the
125 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
126 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

127 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, any person
128 who is alleged to have committed (1) a violation under the provisions of
129 section 1-9, 1-10, 1-11, 2-71h, 4b-13, 7-13, 7-14, 7-35 or 7-41, subsection (c)
130 of section 7-66, section 7-83, 7-147h, 7-148, 7-283, 7-325, 7-393, 8-12, 8-25,
131 8-27, 9-63, 9-322, 9-350, 10-185, 10-193, 10-197, 10-198, 10-230, 10-251, 10-
132 254, 10a-35, 12-52, 12-54, 12-129b or 12-170aa, subdivision (3) of
133 subsection (e) of section 12-286, section 12-286a, 12-292, 12-314b or 12-
134 326g, subdivision (4) of section 12-408, subdivision (3), (5) or (6) of
135 section 12-411, section 12-435c, 12-476a, 12-476b, 12-476c, 12-487, 13a-
136 26b, 13a-71, 13a-107, 13a-113, 13a-114, 13a-115, 13a-117b, 13a-123, 13a-
137 124, 13a-139, 13a-140, 13a-143b, 13a-253, 13a-263 or 13b-39f, subsection
138 (f) of section 13b-42, section 13b-90 or 13b-100, subsection (a) of section
139 13b-108, section 13b-221 or 13b-292, subsection (a) or (b) of section 13b-
140 324, section 13b-336, 13b-337, 13b-338, 13b-410a, 13b-410b or 13b-410c,
141 subsection (a), (b) or (c) of section 13b-412, section 13b-414 or 14-4,
142 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 14-12, subsection (d) of

143 section 14-12, subsection (f) of section 14-12a, subsection (a) of section
144 14-15a, section 14-16c, 14-20a or 14-27a, subsection (f) of section 14-34a,
145 subsection (d) of section 14-35, section 14-43, 14-44j, 14-49, 14-50a, 14-58
146 or 14-62a, subsection (b) of section 14-66, section 14-66a or 14-67a,
147 subsection (g) of section 14-80, subsection (f) or (i) of section 14-80h,
148 section 14-97a or 14-98, subsection (a), (b) or (d) of section 14-100a,
149 section 14-100b, 14-103a, 14-106a, 14-106c, 14-145a, 14-146, 14-152, 14-
150 153, 14-161 or 14-163b, subsection (f) of section 14-164i, section 14-213b
151 or 14-219, subdivision (1) of section 14-223a, subsection (d) of section 14-
152 224, section 14-240 or 14-250, subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of section
153 14-251, section 14-253a, 14-261a, 14-262, 14-264, 14-266, 14-267a, 14-269,
154 14-270, 14-272b, 14-274, 14-275 or 14-275a, subsection (c) of section 14-
155 275c, section 14-276, subsection (a) or (b) of section 14-277, section 14-
156 278, 14-279 or 14-280, subsection (b), (e) or (h) of section 14-283, section
157 14-283d, 14-283e, 14-283f, 14-283g, 14-289l, 14-291, 14-293b, 14-296aa, 14-
158 298a, 14-300, 14-300d, 14-300f, 14-319, 14-320, 14-321, 14-325a, 14-326, 14-
159 330 or 14-332a, subdivision (1), (2) or (3) of section 14-386a, section 15-
160 15e, 15-25 or 15-33, subdivision (1) of section 15-97, subsection (a) of
161 section 15-115, section 16-15, 16-16, 16-44, 16-256e, 16-278 or 16a-15,
162 subsection (a) of section 16a-21, section 16a-22, subsection (a) or (b) of
163 section 16a-22h, section 16a-106, 17a-24, 17a-145, 17a-149 or 17a-152,
164 subsection (b) of section 17a-227, section 17a-465, subsection (c) of
165 section 17a-488, section 17b-124, 17b-131, 17b-137, 19a-33, 19a-39 or 19a-
166 87, subsection (b) of section 19a-87a, section 19a-91, 19a-102a, 19a-102b,
167 19a-105, 19a-107, 19a-113, 19a-215, 19a-216a, 19a-219, 19a-222, 19a-224,
168 19a-286, 19a-287, 19a-297, 19a-301, 19a-309, 19a-335, 19a-336, 19a-338,
169 19a-339, 19a-340, 19a-425, 19a-442, 19a-502, 19a-565, 20-7a, 20-14, 20-
170 153a, 20-158, 20-231, 20-233, 20-249, 20-257, 20-265, 20-324e, 20-329c or
171 20-329g, subsection (b) of section 20-334, section 20-341l, 20-366, 20-482,
172 20-597, 20-608, 20-610, 20-623, 21-1, 21-38, 21-39, 21-43, 21-47, 21-48 or
173 21-63, subsection (d) of section 21-71, section 21-76a or 21-100,
174 subsection (c) of section 21a-2, subdivision (1) of section 21a-19, section
175 21a-20 or 21a-21, subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 21a-25,
176 section 21a-26, subsection (a) of section 21a-37, section 21a-46, 21a-61,
177 21a-63, 21a-70b or 21a-77, subsection (b) or (c) of section 21a-79, section

178 21a-85 or 21a-154, subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 21a-159,
179 section 21a-278b, subsection (c), (d) or (e) of section 21a-279a, section
180 21a-415a, 21a-421eee, 21a-421fff or 21a-421hhh, subsection (a) of section
181 21a-430, section 22-12b, 22-13, 22-14, 22-15, 22-16, 22-26g, 22-30, 22-34,
182 22-35, 22-36, 22-38, 22-39, 22-39f, 22-49, 22-54, 22-61j or 22-61l,
183 subdivision (1) of subsection (n) of section 22-61l, subsection (f) of
184 section 22-61m, subdivision (1) of subsection (f) of section 22-61m,
185 section 22-84, 22-89, 22-90, 22-96, 22-98, 22-99, 22-100 or 22-111o,
186 subsection (d) of section 22-118l, section 22-167, subsection (c) of section
187 22-277, section 22-278, 22-279, 22-280a, 22-318a, 22-320h, 22-324a or 22-
188 326, subsection (b), subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (e) or subsection
189 (g) of section 22-344, subsection (a) or (b) of section 22-344b, subsection
190 (d) of section 22-344d, section 22-344f, 22-350a, 22-354, 22-359, 22-366,
191 22-391, 22-413, 22-414, 22-415, 22-415c, 22a-66a or 22a-246, subsection (a)
192 of section 22a-250, section 22a-256g, subsection (e) of section 22a-256h,
193 section 22a-363 or 22a-381d, subsections (c) and (d) of section 22a-381e,
194 section 22a-449, 22a-450, 22a-461, 23-4b, 23-38, 23-45, 23-46 or 23-61b,
195 subsection (a) or subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 23-65, section
196 25-37 or 25-40, subsection (a) of section 25-43, section 25-43d, 25-135, 26-
197 18, 26-19, 26-21, 26-31, 26-40, 26-40a, 26-42, 26-43, 26-49, 26-54, 26-55, 26-
198 56, 26-58 or 26-59, subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 26-61,
199 section 26-64, subdivision (1) of section 26-76, section 26-79, 26-87, 26-89,
200 26-91, 26-94, 26-97, 26-98, 26-104, 26-105, 26-107, 26-114a, 26-117,
201 subsection (b) of section 26-127, 26-128, 26-128a, 26-131, 26-132, 26-138,
202 26-139, [or] 26-141, or section 3 of this act, subdivision (1) of section 26-
203 186, section 26-207, 26-215, 26-217 or 26-224a, subdivision (1) of section
204 26-226, section 26-227, 26-230, 26-231, 26-232, 26-244, 26-257a, 26-260, 26-
205 276, 26-280, 26-284, 26-285, 26-286, 26-287, 26-288, 26-290, 26-291a, 26-
206 292, 26-294, 27-107, 28-13, 29-6a, 29-16, 29-17, 29-25, 29-143o, 29-143z or
207 29-156a, subsection (b), (d), (e), (g) or (h) of section 29-161q, section 29-
208 161y or 29-161z, subdivision (1) of section 29-198, section 29-210, 29-243
209 or 29-277, subsection (c) of section 29-291c, section 29-316 or 29-318,
210 subsection (b) of section 29-335a, section 29-381, 30-19f, 30-48a or 30-86a,
211 subsection (b) of section 30-89, subsection (c) or (d) of section 30-117,
212 section 31-3, 31-10, 31-11, 31-12, 31-13, 31-14, 31-15, 31-16, 31-18, 31-23,

213 31-24, 31-25, 31-32, 31-36, 31-47 or 31-48, subsection (b) of section 31-48b,
214 section 31-51, 31-51g, 31-52, 31-52a, 31-53 or 31-54, subsection (a) or (c)
215 of section 31-69, section 31-70, 31-74, 31-75, 31-76, 31-76a, 31-89b or 31-
216 134, subsection (i) of section 31-273, section 31-288, 31-348, 33-624, 33-
217 1017, 34-13d or 34-412, subdivision (1) of section 35-20, subsection (a) of
218 section 36a-57, subsection (b) of section 36a-665, section 36a-699, 36a-
219 739, 36a-787, 38a-2 or 38a-140, subsection (a) or (b) of section 38a-278,
220 section 38a-479qq, 38a-479rr, 38a-506, 38a-548, 38a-626, 38a-680, 38a-713,
221 38a-733, 38a-764, 38a-786, 38a-828, 38a-829, 38a-885, 42-133hh, 42-470 or
222 42-480, subsection (a) or (c) of section 43-16q, section 45a-283, 45a-450,
223 45a-634 or 45a-658, subdivision (13) or (14) of section 46a-54, section 46a-
224 59, 46a-81b, 46b-22, 46b-24, 46b-34, 46b-38d, 47-34a, 47-47 or 47-53,
225 subsection (i) of section 47a-21, subdivision (1) of subsection (k) of
226 section 47a-21, section 49-2a, 49-8a, 49-16, 52-143 or 52-289, subsection
227 (j) of section 52-362, section 53-133, 53-199, 53-212a, 53-249a, 53-252, 53-
228 264, 53-280, 53-290a, 53-302a, 53-303e, 53-311a, 53-314, 53-321, 53-322, 53-
229 323 or 53-331, subsection (b) of section 53-343a, section 53-344,
230 subsection (b) or (c) of section 53-344b, subsection (b) of section 53-345a,
231 section 53-377, 53-422, or 53-450, or subsection (i) of section 54-36a, or
232 (2) a violation under the provisions of chapter 268, or (3) a violation of
233 any regulation adopted in accordance with the provisions of section 12-
234 484, 12-487 or 13b-410, or (4) a violation of any ordinance, regulation or
235 bylaw of any town, city or borough, except violations of building codes,
236 the health code or an ordinance described in subdivision (5) of this
237 subsection, for which the penalty exceeds ninety dollars but does not
238 exceed two hundred fifty dollars, unless such town, city or borough has
239 established a payment and hearing procedure for such violation
240 pursuant to section 7-152c, or (5) a violation of any ordinance adopted
241 by a town, city or borough pursuant to section 14-224a, 14-390 or 14-
242 390m for which the penalty does not exceed two thousand dollars,
243 unless such town, city or borough has established a payment and
244 hearing procedure for such violation pursuant to section 7-152c, shall
245 follow the procedures set forth in this section."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	22a-424a
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	HB 5333 (current session), Sec. 1
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	51-164n(b)