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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 477

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(As Amended by Senate Amendment Schedules "A" and "B")

**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE FAILURE TO FILE FOR CERTAIN
GRAND LIST EXEMPTIONS AND A MUNICIPAL OPTION TO ABATE
DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES ON CERTAIN PARCELS OF
LAND."**

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

3 "Sec. 501. Subdivision (20) of subsection (a) of section 16-1 of the 2026
4 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is
5 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

6 (20) "Class I renewable energy source" means (A) electricity derived
7 from (i) solar power, (ii) wind power, (iii) a fuel cell, (iv) geothermal, (v)
8 anaerobic digestion or other biogas derived from biological sources, (vi)
9 thermal electric direct energy conversion from a certified Class I
10 renewable energy source, (vii) ocean thermal power, (viii) wave or tidal

11 power, (ix) low emission advanced renewable energy conversion
12 technologies, including, but not limited to, zero emission low grade heat
13 power generation systems based on organic oil free rankine, kalina or
14 other similar nonsteam cycles that use waste heat from an industrial or
15 commercial process that does not generate electricity, (x) (I) a run-of-
16 the-river hydropower facility that began operation after July 1, 2003, has
17 a generating capacity of not more than sixty megawatts, is not based on
18 a new dam or a dam identified by the Commissioner of Energy and
19 Environmental Protection as a candidate for removal, and meets
20 applicable state and federal requirements, including state dam safety
21 requirements and applicable site-specific standards for water quality
22 and fish passage, or (II) a run-of-the-river hydropower facility that
23 received a new license after January 1, 2018, under the Federal Energy
24 Regulatory Commission rules pursuant to 18 CFR 16, as amended from
25 time to time, is not based on a new dam or a dam identified by the
26 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection as a candidate
27 for removal, and meets applicable state and federal requirements,
28 including state dam safety requirements and applicable site-specific
29 standards for water quality and fish passage, (xi) a biomass gasification
30 facility, provided such facility has executed an agreement to provide
31 energy to an electric distribution company prior to October 1, 2025, that
32 (I) uses sustainable biomass fuel and has an average emission rate of
33 equal to or less than .075 pounds of nitrogen oxides per million BTU of
34 heat input for the previous calendar quarter, or (II) has a capacity of less
35 than five hundred kilowatts that began construction before July 1, 2003,
36 may be considered a Class I renewable energy source, [for the duration
37 of such agreement,] or (xii) a nuclear power generating facility
38 constructed on or after October 1, 2023, or (B) any electrical generation,
39 including distributed generation, generated from a Class I renewable
40 energy source, provided, on and after January 1, 2014, any megawatt
41 hours of electricity from a renewable energy source described under this
42 subparagraph that are claimed or counted by a load-serving entity,
43 province or state toward compliance with renewable portfolio
44 standards or renewable energy policy goals in another province or state,
45 other than the state of Connecticut, shall not be eligible for compliance

46 with the renewable portfolio standards established pursuant to section
47 16-245a;"

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	16-1(a)(20)