



General Assembly

January Session, 2021

***Raised Bill No. 6415***

LCO No. 3167



Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:  
(ET)

***AN ACT REQUIRING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY  
AUTHORITY TO ADOPT REGULATIONS FOR NATURAL BARRIER  
PRESERVATION AND MAINTENANCE BY ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION  
COMPANIES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) For purposes of this  
2 section, "natural barrier" means trees, shrubs, bushes or other vegetation  
3 between the facilities of an electric distribution company, as defined in  
4 section 16-1 of the general statutes, and any residential neighbor to such  
5 facility.

6 (b) On or before January 1, 2022, the Public Utilities Regulatory  
7 Authority shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54 of the  
8 general statutes, requiring the preservation and maintenance of existing  
9 natural barriers by each electric distribution company. The Public  
10 Utilities Regulatory Authority may initiate a proceeding to consider the  
11 implementation of such regulations.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To require the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority to adopt regulations ensuring electric distribution companies preserve and maintain existing natural barriers.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*