



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6426

January Session, 2021



**AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE
CONNECTICUT AIRPORT AUTHORITY REGARDING THE PROVISION
OF SECURITY SERVICES AND METEOROLOGICAL EVALUATION
TOWERS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 21 of public act 09-7 of the September special
2 session is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective from passage*):

4 Not later than December 1, [2009] 2021, the [Department of
5 Transportation] Connecticut Airport Authority and the Department of
6 [Public Safety] Emergency Services and Public Protection shall enter
7 into a [memorandum of understanding to provide that all associated]
8 contract providing for security services at Bradley International Airport.
9 Such contract shall provide that all costs incurred by the [Department of
10 Public Safety] department in providing sworn members of the Division
11 of State Police within the [Department of Public Safety to the]
12 department to Bradley International Airport for the purposes of security
13 services shall be paid from the Bradley Enterprise Fund. Any payment
14 made pursuant to the contract shall be in compliance with all applicable
15 federal laws, regulations and guidelines.

16 Sec. 2. Section 2-90b of the general statutes is repealed and the

17 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

18 The Auditors of Public Accounts shall biennially conduct an audit of
19 reimbursements made from the Bradley Enterprise Fund to the
20 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to cover the
21 cost of Troop [W] H operations carried out in accordance with the
22 [memorandum of understanding] contract between the Department of
23 Emergency Services and Public Protection and the [Department of
24 Transportation] Connecticut Airport Authority.

25 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) (a) For the purposes of this
26 section, "meteorological evaluation tower" means a structure that (1) is
27 self-standing or supported by guy wires or anchors, (2) is not more than
28 six feet in diameter at the base, and (3) has accessory facilities on which
29 an antenna, sensor, camera, meteorological instrument or other
30 equipment is mounted for the purpose of documenting whether a site
31 has sufficient wind resources for the operation of a wind turbine
32 generator. "Meteorological evaluation tower" does not include (A) a
33 structure that is located adjacent to a building, including a barn or an
34 electric utility substation, or in the curtilage of a residence, (B) a tower
35 regulated by the Federal Communications Commission, or (C) a tower
36 used primarily to support telecommunications equipment or provide
37 commercial mobile radio service or commercial mobile data service, as
38 such terms are defined in 47 CFR 20.3, as amended from time to time.

39 (b) A meteorological evaluation tower that is at least fifty feet but not
40 more than two hundred feet in height above ground level: (1) Shall be
41 painted in equal alternating bands of aviation orange and white,
42 beginning with aviation orange at the top of the tower; (2) shall have
43 aviation orange marker balls installed and displayed in accordance with
44 the standards contained in current federal regulations and Federal
45 Aviation Administration advisory circulars; and (3) may not be
46 supported by guy wires unless the guy wires have a seven-foot-long
47 safety sleeve at each anchor point that extends from the anchor point
48 along each guy wire attached to the anchor point.

49 (c) Any person who owns, operates or erects a meteorological
50 evaluation tower in violation of any provision of subsection (b) of this
51 section shall be subject to a civil penalty of (1) not more than five
52 hundred dollars if such violation results in no physical injury, as defined
53 in section 53a-3 of the general statutes, to another person, (2) not more
54 than one thousand dollars if such violation results in physical injury to
55 another person, (3) not more than five thousand dollars if such violation
56 results in serious physical injury, as defined in section 53a-2 of the
57 general statutes, to another person, and (4) not more than ten thousand
58 dollars if such violation results in the death of another person.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	PA 09-7 of the September Sp. Sess., Sec. 21
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	2-90b
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 3(c), "violates" was changed to "owns, operates or erects a meteorological evaluation tower in violation of" for accuracy.

TRA *Joint Favorable Subst.*