



General Assembly

January Session, 2021

**Substitute Bill No. 6642**



**AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF ACCESS TO MUNICIPAL-OWNED BEACHES AND PARKS ADJACENT TO MARINE OR TIDAL WATERS.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of Energy and  
2 Environmental Protection and the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
3 Management shall jointly conduct a study of access by members of the  
4 public to beaches and parks adjacent to marine or tidal waters that are  
5 owned or otherwise controlled by any municipality or other political  
6 subdivision of the state. Such study shall include, but not be limited to,  
7 an examination of any (1) ordinances, regulations or other rules enacted  
8 or enforced by any such municipality or political subdivision that limit  
9 access to any such beach or park based on residency of any potential  
10 visitor, and (2) fees or other means of limiting access that disparately  
11 impact any such potential visitor based on residency.

12 (b) Not later than January 1, 2022, the commissioner and the secretary  
13 shall submit to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly  
14 having cognizance of matters relating to the environment and planning  
15 and development, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of  
16 the general statutes, (1) a report on the findings of such study, and (2)  
17 recommendations for legislation to address potential concerns  
18 identified in such study regarding access by members of the public to

19 such beaches and parks.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In Subsec. (a), "(1) any" was changed to "any (1)" and "(2) any fees" was changed to "(2) fees" to eliminate redundant language.

**PD** Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO