



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5009

January Session, 2023



**AN ACT CONCERNING THE PUBLIC SAFETY CAPACITY OF
SQUANTZ POND STATE PARK.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of
2 Energy and Environmental Protection shall adopt regulations, in
3 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, on
4 or before January 31, 2024, to establish the public safety capacity of
5 Squantz Pond State Park. Such regulations shall provide for: (1) The
6 closure of said state park to new entrants when such public safety
7 capacity is reached, regardless of whether patrons enter by vehicle or
8 on foot; and (2) the utilization of the following factors in determining
9 the public safety capacity of said state park: (A) The number of visitors
10 that can be safely supervised, taking into account the staffing at said
11 state park; (B) the number of swimmers that can be safely supervised,
12 taking into account the lifeguard staffing in said state park; (C) the
13 parking capacity at said state park; (D) the pedestrian and vehicular
14 traffic on the highway leading to said state park that threatens, or is
15 reasonably likely to threaten, public safety by pedestrians walking on
16 the side of the highway or by impeding the travel of emergency
17 vehicles because of the high volume of vehicles parked or moving on
18 the highway; and (E) the authority of the commissioner to utilize the
19 number of vehicles entering said state park as a proxy for the number
20 of visitors at said state park.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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