



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5276

LCO No. 272



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE NIGHT TIME LIGHTING OF STATE-OWNED BUILDINGS FOR THE PROTECTION OF BIRDS.

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

1 That the general statutes be amended to provide that for any state-
2 owned building and any building leased by the state, nonessential
3 indoor and outdoor lighting shall be turned off between the hours of
4 eleven o'clock p.m. and six o'clock a.m. during peak avian migration
5 periods. Additionally, "nonessential indoor and outdoor lighting" shall
6 be defined to mean lighting that has not been deemed essential for either
7 safety or functionality, as determined by a state agency head; and (2)
8 "peak avian migration period" shall mean the period from August
9 fifteenth to November fifteenth of each year and the period from April
10 first to May thirty-first of each year, or such other dates determined by
11 the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection.
12 Furthermore, for any building leased by the state, where the state is not
13 the tenant, the state agency that leases such building shall be required
14 to use best efforts to include a provision in such lease that requires
15 nonessential indoor and outdoor lighting to be turned off between the

16 hours of eleven o'clock p.m. and six o'clock a.m. during peak avian
17 migration periods. Finally, all new and replacement exterior lighting
18 fixtures on state buildings and facilities shall be required to carry the
19 Fixture Seal of Approval of the International Dark Sky Association.

Statement of Purpose:

To prevent birds from flying into the sides of buildings and to reduce light trespass and light pollution.