



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6607

LCO No. 3381



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE NIGHTTIME LIGHTING OF STATE-OWNED BUILDINGS AT CERTAIN TIMES FOR THE PROTECTION OF BIRDS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For the purposes of this
2 section: (1) "Nonessential outdoor lighting" means lighting that has not
3 been deemed essential for either safety or functionality, as determined
4 by a state agency head; and (2) "peak avian migration period" means the
5 period from August fifteenth to November fifteenth of each year and the
6 period from April first to May thirty-first of each year, or such other
7 dates determined by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
8 Protection.

9 (b) For any state-owned building and any building leased by the state
10 for which the state is the only tenant, nonessential outdoor lighting shall
11 be turned off between the hours of eleven o'clock p.m. and six o'clock
12 a.m. during peak avian migration periods.

13 (c) For any building leased by the state, where the state is not the only
14 tenant, the state agency that leases such building shall use best efforts to

15 include a provision in such lease that requires nonessential outdoor
16 lighting be turned off between the hours of eleven o'clock p.m. and six
17 o'clock a.m. during peak avian migration periods.

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

Statement of Purpose:

To require state-owned and leased buildings to turn off nonessential outdoor lighting during peak avian migration periods in order to assist in preventing birds from flying into the sides of such buildings.

[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.]