



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6813

LCO No. 4597



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SEABIRD AND SHOREBIRD PROTECTION PROGRAM.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) (a) The Commissioner of
2 Energy and Environmental Protection may establish a list of seabirds
3 and shorebirds that are identified by such commissioner in the most
4 recent version of Connecticut's Wildlife Action Plan as any species of
5 greatest conservation need for inclusion in a seabird and shorebird
6 protection program. The commissioner may include additional bird
7 species that may benefit from such program.

8 (b) Pursuant to the seabird and shorebird protection program, the
9 commissioner may designate seabird and shorebird protection areas.
10 Such seabird and shorebird protection areas may be designated for the
11 months of March to September of any calendar year, or any period of
12 time therein, on public property that is located within the coastal area,
13 as described in subsection (a) of section 22a-94 of the general statutes.

14 (c) The commissioner shall identify any such seabird and shorebird
15 protection area by marking such area with string fencing, posts and

16 associated signage. The commissioner may utilize agents or volunteers
17 to install such string fencing, posts and associated signage.

18 (d) No person shall enter any seabird and shorebird protection area
19 designated and identified by the commissioner in accordance with the
20 provisions of this section unless such person is duly authorized by the
21 commissioner to enter such seabird and shorebird protection area.

22 (e) No person shall allow any pet or other animal under such person's
23 control to be closer than one hundred feet from any seabird and
24 shorebird protection area designated and identified pursuant to this
25 section except for a service animal, as defined in section 22-345 of the
26 general statutes.

27 (f) No person who operates any vehicle or bicycle shall allow such
28 vehicle or bicycle to be closer than one hundred feet from any seabird
29 and shorebird protection area designated and identified pursuant to this
30 section.

31 (g) Any person who violates any provision of subsection (d), (e) or (f)
32 of this section shall have committed a separate infraction for each such
33 violation.

34 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 51-164n of the general statutes is
35 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
36 *passage*):

37 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, any person
38 who is alleged to have committed (1) a violation under the provisions of
39 section 1-9, 1-10, 1-11, 2-71h, 4b-13, 7-13, 7-14, 7-35 or 7-41, subsection (c)
40 of section 7-66, section 7-83, 7-147h, 7-148, 7-148f, 7-148o, 7-283, 7-325, 7-
41 393, 8-12, 8-25, 8-27, 9-63, 9-322, 9-350, 10-185, 10-193, 10-197, 10-198, 10-
42 230, 10-251, 10-254, 10a-35, 12-52, 12-54, 12-129b or 12-170aa, subdivision
43 (3) of subsection (e) of section 12-286, section 12-286a, 12-292, 12-314b or
44 12-326g, subdivision (4) of section 12-408, subdivision (3), (5) or (6) of
45 section 12-411, section 12-435c, 12-476a, 12-476b, 12-476c, 12-487, 13a-71,
46 13a-107, 13a-113, 13a-114, 13a-115, 13a-117b, 13a-123, 13a-124, 13a-139,

47 13a-140, 13a-143b, 13a-253, 13a-263 or 13b-39f, subsection (f) of section
48 13b-42, section 13b-90 or 13b-100, subsection (a) of section 13b-108,
49 section 13b-221 or 13b-292, subsection (a) or (b) of section 13b-324,
50 section 13b-336, 13b-337, 13b-338, 13b-410a, 13b-410b or 13b-410c,
51 subsection (a), (b) or (c) of section 13b-412, section 13b-414 or 14-4,
52 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 14-12, subsection (d) of
53 section 14-12, subsection (f) of section 14-12a, subsection (a) of section
54 14-15a, section 14-16c, 14-20a or 14-27a, subsection (f) of section 14-34a,
55 subsection (d) of section 14-35, section 14-43, 14-44j, 14-49, 14-50a, 14-58
56 or 14-62a, subsection (b) of section 14-66, section 14-66a or 14-67a,
57 subsection (g) of section 14-80, subsection (f) or (i) of section 14-80h,
58 section 14-97a or 14-98, subsection (a), (b) or (d) of section 14-100a,
59 section 14-100b, 14-103a, 14-106a, 14-106c, 14-145a or 14-146, subsection
60 (b) of section 14-147, section 14-152, 14-153, 14-161 or 14-163b, subsection
61 (f) of section 14-164i, section 14-213b or 14-219, subdivision (1) of section
62 14-223a, subsection (d) of section 14-224, section 14-240, 14-250, 14-253a,
63 14-261a, 14-262, 14-264, 14-266, 14-267a, 14-269, 14-270, 14-272b, 14-274,
64 14-275 or 14-275a, subsection (c) of section 14-275c, section 14-276,
65 subsection (a) or (b) of section 14-277, section 14-278, 14-279 or 14-280,
66 subsection (b), (e) or (h) of section 14-283, section 14-283d, 14-283e, 14-
67 283f, 14-283g, 14-291, 14-293b, 14-296aa, 14-298a, 14-300, 14-300d, 14-
68 300f, 14-319, 14-320, 14-321, 14-325a, 14-326, 14-330 or 14-332a,
69 subdivision (1), (2) or (3) of section 14-386a, section 15-15e, 15-25 or 15-
70 33, subdivision (1) of section 15-97, subsection (a) of section 15-115,
71 section 16-15, 16-16, 16-44, 16-256e, 16-278 or 16a-15, subsection (a) of
72 section 16a-21, section 16a-22, subsection (a) or (b) of section 16a-22h,
73 section 16a-106, 17a-24, 17a-145, 17a-149 or 17a-152, subsection (b) of
74 section 17a-227, section 17a-465, subsection (c) of section 17a-488, section
75 17b-124, 17b-131, 17b-137, 19a-33, 19a-39 or 19a-87, subsection (b) of
76 section 19a-87a, section 19a-91, 19a-102a, 19a-102b, 19a-105, 19a-107,
77 19a-113, 19a-215, 19a-216a, 19a-219, 19a-222, 19a-224, 19a-286, 19a-287,
78 19a-297, 19a-301, 19a-309, 19a-335, 19a-336, 19a-338, 19a-339, 19a-340,
79 19a-425, 19a-442, 19a-502, 19a-565, 20-7a, 20-14, 20-153a, 20-158, 20-231,
80 20-233, 20-249, 20-257, 20-265, 20-324e, 20-329c or 20-329g, subsection (b)
81 of section 20-334, section 20-341l, 20-366, 20-482, 20-597, 20-608, 20-610,

82 20-623, 21-1, 21-38, 21-39, 21-43, 21-47, 21-48 or 21-63, subsection (d) of
83 section 21-71, section 21-76a or 21-100, subsection (c) of section 21a-2,
84 subdivision (1) of section 21a-19, section 21a-20 or 21a-21, subdivision
85 (1) of subsection (b) of section 21a-25, section 21a-26 or 21a-30,
86 subsection (a) of section 21a-37, section 21a-46, 21a-61, 21a-63, 21a-70b
87 or 21a-77, subsection (b) or (c) of section 21a-79, section 21a-85 or 21a-
88 154, subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 21a-159, section 21a-278b,
89 subsection (c), (d) or (e) of section 21a-279a, section 21a-421eee, 21a-
90 421fff, 21a-421hhh, subsection (a) of section 21a-430, section 22-12b, 22-
91 13, 22-14, 22-15, 22-16, 22-26g, 22-30, 22-34, 22-35, 22-36, 22-38, 22-39, 22-
92 39f, 22-49, 22-54, 22-61j or 22-61l, subdivision (1) of subsection (n) of
93 section 22-61l, subsection (f) of section 22-61m, subdivision (1) of
94 subsection (f) of section 22-61m, section 22-84, 22-89, 22-90, 22-96, 22-98,
95 22-99, 22-100 or 22-111o, subsection (d) of section 22-118l, section 22-167,
96 subsection (c) of section 22-277, section 22-278, 22-279, 22-280a, 22-318a,
97 22-320h, 22-324a or 22-326, subsection (b), subdivision (1) or (2) of
98 subsection (e) or subsection (g) of section 22-344, subsection (a) or (b) of
99 section 22-344b, section 22-344c, subsection (d) of section 22-344d,
100 section 22-344f, 22-350a, 22-354, 22-359, 22-366, 22-391, 22-413, 22-414,
101 22-415, 22-415c, 22a-66a or 22a-246, subsection (a) of section 22a-250,
102 section 22a-256g, subsection (e) of section 22a-256h, section 22a-363 or
103 22a-381d, subsections (c) and (d) of section 22a-381e, section 22a-449,
104 22a-450, 22a-461, 23-4b, 23-38, 23-45, 23-46 or 23-61b, subsection (a) or
105 subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 23-65, section 25-37 or 25-40,
106 subsection (a) of section 25-43, section 25-43d, 25-135, 26-18, 26-19, 26-
107 21, 26-31, 26-40, 26-40a, 26-42, 26-43, 26-49, 26-54, 26-55, 26-56, 26-58 or
108 26-59, subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 26-61, section 26-64,
109 subdivision (1) of section 26-76, section 26-79, 26-87, 26-89, 26-91, 26-94,
110 26-97, 26-98, 26-104, 26-105, 26-107, subsection (d), (e) or (f) of section 1
111 of this act, 26-114a, 26-117, subsection (b) of section 26-127, 26-128, 26-
112 128a, 26-131, 26-132, 26-138, 26-139 or 26-141, subdivision (1) of section
113 26-186, section 26-207, 26-215, 26-217 or 26-224a, subdivision (1) of
114 section 26-226, section 26-227, 26-230, 26-231, 26-232, 26-244, 26-257a, 26-
115 260, 26-276, 26-280, 26-284, 26-285, 26-286, 26-287, 26-288, 26-290, 26-
116 291a, 26-292, 26-294, 27-107, 28-13, 29-6a, 29-16, 29-17, 29-25, 29-143o, 29-

117 143z or 29-156a, subsection (b), (d), (e), (g) or (h) of section 29-161q,
118 section 29-161y or 29-161z, subdivision (1) of section 29-198, section 29-
119 210, 29-243 or 29-277, subsection (c) of section 29-291c, section 29-316 or
120 29-318, subsection (b) of section 29-335a, section 29-381, 30-19f, 30-48a or
121 30-86a, subsection (b) of section 30-89, subsection (c) or (d) of section 30-
122 117, section 31-3, 31-10, 31-11, 31-12, 31-13, 31-14, 31-15, 31-16, 31-18, 31-
123 23, 31-24, 31-25, 31-32, 31-36, 31-38, 31-40, 31-44, 31-47 or 31-48,
124 subsection (b) of section 31-48b, section 31-51, 31-51g, 31-52, 31-52a, 31-
125 53 or 31-54, subsection (a) or (c) of section 31-69, section 31-70, 31-74, 31-
126 75, 31-76, 31-76a, 31-89b or 31-134, subsection (i) of section 31-273,
127 section 31-288, 31-348, 33-624, 33-1017, 34-13d or 34-412, subdivision (1)
128 of section 35-20, subsection (a) of section 36a-57, subsection (b) of section
129 36a-665, section 36a-699, 36a-739, 36a-787, 38a-2 or 38a-140, subsection
130 (a) or (b) of section 38a-278, section 38a-479qq, 38a-479rr, 38a-506, 38a-
131 548, 38a-626, 38a-680, 38a-713, 38a-733, 38a-764, 38a-786, 38a-828, 38a-
132 829, 38a-885, 42-133hh, 42-230, 42-470 or 42-480, subsection (a) or (c) of
133 section 43-16q, section 45a-283, 45a-450, 45a-634 or 45a-658, subdivision
134 (13) or (14) of section 46a-54, section 46a-59, 46a-81b, 46b-22, 46b-24, 46b-
135 34, 46b-38d, 47-34a, 47-47 or 47-53, subsection (i) of section 47a-21,
136 subdivision (1) of subsection (k) of section 47a-21, section 49-2a, 49-8a,
137 49-16, 52-143 or 52-289, subsection (j) of section 52-362, section 53-133,
138 53-199, 53-212a, 53-249a, 53-252, 53-264, 53-280, 53-290a, 53-302a, 53-
139 303e, 53-311a, 53-314, 53-321, 53-322, 53-323 or 53-331, subsection (b) of
140 section 53-343a, section 53-344, subsection (b) or (c) of section 53-344b,
141 subsection (b) of section 53-345a, section 53-377, 53-422 or 53-450 or
142 subsection (i) of section 54-36a, or (2) a violation under the provisions of
143 chapter 268, or (3) a violation of any regulation adopted in accordance
144 with the provisions of section 12-484, 12-487 or 13b-410, or (4) a violation
145 of any ordinance, regulation or bylaw of any town, city or borough,
146 except violations of building codes and the health code, for which the
147 penalty exceeds ninety dollars but does not exceed two hundred fifty
148 dollars, unless such town, city or borough has established a payment
149 and hearing procedure for such violation pursuant to section 7-152c,
150 shall follow the procedures set forth in this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	51-164n(b)

Statement of Purpose:

To grant authority for the designation and marking of seabird and shorebird protection areas along the state's coast.

[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.]