



General Assembly

**Raised Bill No. 6813**

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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  
23 person's control to be closer than one hundred feet from any seabird  
24 and shorebird protection area designated and identified pursuant to  
25 this section except for a service animal, as defined in section 22-345 of  
26 the 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  
30 this section.

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

47 117b, 13a-123, 13a-124, 13a-139, 13a-140, 13a-143b, 13a-253, 13a-263 or  
48 13b-39f, subsection (f) of section 13b-42, section 13b-90 or 13b-100,  
49 subsection (a) of section 13b-108, section 13b-221 or 13b-292, subsection  
50 (a) or (b) of section 13b-324, section 13b-336, 13b-337, 13b-338, 13b-  
51 410a, 13b-410b or 13b-410c, subsection (a), (b) or (c) of section 13b-412,  
52 section 13b-414 or 14-4, subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 14-  
53 12, subsection (d) of section 14-12, subsection (f) of section 14-12a,  
54 subsection (a) of section 14-15a, section 14-16c, 14-20a or 14-27a,  
55 subsection (f) of section 14-34a, subsection (d) of section 14-35, section  
56 14-43, 14-44j, 14-49, 14-50a, 14-58 or 14-62a, subsection (b) of section 14-  
57 66, section 14-66a or 14-67a, subsection (g) of section 14-80, subsection  
58 (f) or (i) of section 14-80h, section 14-97a or 14-98, subsection (a), (b) or  
59 (d) of section 14-100a, section 14-100b, 14-103a, 14-106a, 14-106c, 14-  
60 145a or 14-146, subsection (b) of section 14-147, section 14-152, 14-153,  
61 14-161 or 14-163b, subsection (f) of section 14-164i, section 14-213b or  
62 14-219, subdivision (1) of section 14-223a, subsection (d) of section 14-  
63 224, section 14-240, 14-250, 14-253a, 14-261a, 14-262, 14-264, 14-266, 14-  
64 267a, 14-269, 14-270, 14-272b, 14-274, 14-275 or 14-275a, subsection (c)  
65 of section 14-275c, section 14-276, subsection (a) or (b) of section 14-277,  
66 section 14-278, 14-279 or 14-280, subsection (b), (e) or (h) of section 14-  
67 283, section 14-283d, 14-283e, 14-283f, 14-283g, 14-291, 14-293b, 14-  
68 296aa, 14-298a, 14-300, 14-300d, 14-300f, 14-319, 14-320, 14-321, 14-325a,  
69 14-326, 14-330 or 14-332a, subdivision (1), (2) or (3) of section 14-386a,  
70 section 15-15e, 15-25 or 15-33, subdivision (1) of section 15-97,  
71 subsection (a) of section 15-115, section 16-15, 16-16, 16-44, 16-256e, 16-  
72 278 or 16a-15, subsection (a) of section 16a-21, section 16a-22,  
73 subsection (a) or (b) of section 16a-22h, section 16a-106, 17a-24, 17a-145,  
74 17a-149 or 17a-152, subsection (b) of section 17a-227, section 17a-465,  
75 subsection (c) of section 17a-488, section 17b-124, 17b-131, 17b-137, 19a-  
76 33, 19a-39 or 19a-87, subsection (b) of section 19a-87a, section 19a-91,  
77 19a-102a, 19a-102b, 19a-105, 19a-107, 19a-113, 19a-215, 19a-216a, 19a-  
78 219, 19a-222, 19a-224, 19a-286, 19a-287, 19a-297, 19a-301, 19a-309, 19a-  
79 335, 19a-336, 19a-338, 19a-339, 19a-340, 19a-425, 19a-442, 19a-502, 19a-  
80 565, 20-7a, 20-14, 20-153a, 20-158, 20-231, 20-233, 20-249, 20-257, 20-265,  
81 20-324e, 20-329c or 20-329g, subsection (b) of section 20-334, section 20-

82 341l, 20-366, 20-482, 20-597, 20-608, 20-610, 20-623, 21-1, 21-38, 21-39,  
83 21-43, 21-47, 21-48 or 21-63, subsection (d) of section 21-71, section 21-  
84 76a or 21-100, subsection (c) of section 21a-2, subdivision (1) of section  
85 21a-19, section 21a-20 or 21a-21, subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of  
86 section 21a-25, section 21a-26 or 21a-30, subsection (a) of section 21a-  
87 37, section 21a-46, 21a-61, 21a-63, 21a-70b or 21a-77, subsection (b) or  
88 (c) of section 21a-79, section 21a-85 or 21a-154, subdivision (1) of  
89 subsection (a) of section 21a-159, section 21a-278b, subsection (c), (d) or  
90 (e) of section 21a-279a, section 21a-421eee, 21a-421fff, 21a-421hhh,  
91 subsection (a) of section 21a-430, section 22-12b, 22-13, 22-14, 22-15, 22-  
92 16, 22-26g, 22-30, 22-34, 22-35, 22-36, 22-38, 22-39, 22-39f, 22-49, 22-54,  
93 22-61j or 22-61l, subdivision (1) of subsection (n) of section 22-61l,  
94 subsection (f) of section 22-61m, subdivision (1) of subsection (f) of  
95 section 22-61m, section 22-84, 22-89, 22-90, 22-96, 22-98, 22-99, 22-100 or  
96 22-111o, subsection (d) of section 22-118l, section 22-167, subsection (c)  
97 of section 22-277, section 22-278, 22-279, 22-280a, 22-318a, 22-320h, 22-  
98 324a or 22-326, subsection (b), subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (e) or  
99 subsection (g) of section 22-344, subsection (a) or (b) of section 22-344b,  
100 section 22-344c, subsection (d) of section 22-344d, section 22-344f, 22-  
101 350a, 22-354, 22-359, 22-366, 22-391, 22-413, 22-414, 22-415, 22-415c, 22a-  
102 66a or 22a-246, subsection (a) of section 22a-250, section 22a-256g,  
103 subsection (e) of section 22a-256h, section 22a-363 or 22a-381d,  
104 subsections (c) and (d) of section 22a-381e, section 22a-449, 22a-450,  
105 22a-461, 23-4b, 23-38, 23-45, 23-46 or 23-61b, subsection (a) or  
106 subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 23-65, section 25-37 or 25-40,  
107 subsection (a) of section 25-43, section 25-43d, 25-135, 26-18, 26-19, 26-  
108 21, 26-31, 26-40, 26-40a, 26-42, 26-43, 26-49, 26-54, 26-55, 26-56, 26-58 or  
109 26-59, subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 26-61, section 26-64,  
110 subdivision (1) of section 26-76, section 26-79, 26-87, 26-89, 26-91, 26-94,  
111 26-97, 26-98, 26-104, 26-105, 26-107, subsection (d), (e) or (f) of section 1  
112 of this act, 26-114a, 26-117, subsection (b) of section 26-127, 26-128, 26-  
113 128a, 26-131, 26-132, 26-138, 26-139 or 26-141, subdivision (1) of section  
114 26-186, section 26-207, 26-215, 26-217 or 26-224a, subdivision (1) of  
115 section 26-226, section 26-227, 26-230, 26-231, 26-232, 26-244, 26-257a,  
116 26-260, 26-276, 26-280, 26-284, 26-285, 26-286, 26-287, 26-288, 26-290, 26-

117 291a, 26-292, 26-294, 27-107, 28-13, 29-6a, 29-16, 29-17, 29-25, 29-143o,  
118 29-143z or 29-156a, subsection (b), (d), (e), (g) or (h) of section 29-161q,  
119 section 29-161y or 29-161z, subdivision (1) of section 29-198, section 29-  
120 210, 29-243 or 29-277, subsection (c) of section 29-291c, section 29-316  
121 or 29-318, subsection (b) of section 29-335a, section 29-381, 30-19f, 30-  
122 48a or 30-86a, subsection (b) of section 30-89, subsection (c) or (d) of  
123 section 30-117, section 31-3, 31-10, 31-11, 31-12, 31-13, 31-14, 31-15, 31-  
124 16, 31-18, 31-23, 31-24, 31-25, 31-32, 31-36, 31-38, 31-40, 31-44, 31-47 or  
125 31-48, subsection (b) of section 31-48b, section 31-51, 31-51g, 31-52, 31-  
126 52a, 31-53 or 31-54, subsection (a) or (c) of section 31-69, section 31-70,  
127 31-74, 31-75, 31-76, 31-76a, 31-89b or 31-134, subsection (i) of section 31-  
128 273, section 31-288, 31-348, 33-624, 33-1017, 34-13d or 34-412,  
129 subdivision (1) of section 35-20, subsection (a) of section 36a-57,  
130 subsection (b) of section 36a-665, section 36a-699, 36a-739, 36a-787, 38a-  
131 2 or 38a-140, subsection (a) or (b) of section 38a-278, section 38a-479qq,  
132 38a-479rr, 38a-506, 38a-548, 38a-626, 38a-680, 38a-713, 38a-733, 38a-764,  
133 38a-786, 38a-828, 38a-829, 38a-885, 42-133hh, 42-230, 42-470 or 42-480,  
134 subsection (a) or (c) of section 43-16q, section 45a-283, 45a-450, 45a-634  
135 or 45a-658, subdivision (13) or (14) of section 46a-54, section 46a-59,  
136 46a-81b, 46b-22, 46b-24, 46b-34, 46b-38d, 47-34a, 47-47 or 47-53,  
137 subsection (i) of section 47a-21, subdivision (1) of subsection (k) of  
138 section 47a-21, section 49-2a, 49-8a, 49-16, 52-143 or 52-289, subsection  
139 (j) of section 52-362, section 53-133, 53-199, 53-212a, 53-249a, 53-252, 53-  
140 264, 53-280, 53-290a, 53-302a, 53-303e, 53-311a, 53-314, 53-321, 53-322,  
141 53-323 or 53-331, subsection (b) of section 53-343a, section 53-344,  
142 subsection (b) or (c) of section 53-344b, subsection (b) of section 53-  
143 345a, section 53-377, 53-422 or 53-450 or subsection (i) of section 54-36a,  
144 or (2) a violation under the provisions of chapter 268, or (3) a violation  
145 of any regulation adopted in accordance with the provisions of section  
146 12-484, 12-487 or 13b-410, or (4) a violation of any ordinance,  
147 regulation or bylaw of any town, city or borough, except violations of  
148 building codes and the health code, for which the penalty exceeds  
149 ninety dollars but does not exceed two hundred fifty dollars, unless  
150 such town, city or borough has established a payment and hearing  
151 procedure for such violation pursuant to section 7-152c, shall follow

152 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)

**ENV**      *Joint Favorable*