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(As Amended)

**"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX ABATEMENT FOR CERTAIN
CONSERVATION EASEMENTS."**

1 Strike section 534 and insert in lieu thereof:

2 "(NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a roundtable
3 working group on affordable housing. The group shall study (1) existing
4 affordable housing policies, programs and initiatives in the state, (2) the
5 potential conversion of state properties into affordable housing
6 developments, (3) successful models and best practices from other states
7 or regions to inform potential policy recommendations, (4) the potential
8 conversion of commercial properties such as hotels, malls and office
9 buildings into residential buildings, and (5) any other topics related to
10 the promotion and development of affordable housing in the state.

11 (b) The roundtable group shall consist of the following members:

12 (1) The cochairs and ranking members of the joint standing

13 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
14 relating to housing and planning and development;

15 (2) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
16 who has expertise in public housing;

17 (3) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who
18 represents a regional council of governments;

19 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
20 Representatives, who represents a business advocacy organization or
21 regional chamber of commerce;

22 (5) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who has
23 expertise in regional planning;

24 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
25 Representatives, who is a representative of the CT169 Strong
26 corporation;

27 (7) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who has
28 expertise in local planning and zoning;

29 (8) The Commissioner of Administrative Services, or the
30 commissioner's designee;

31 (9) The Commissioner of Housing, or the commissioner's designee;

32 (10) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development,
33 or the commissioner's designee;

34 (11) The Commissioner of Transportation, or the commissioner's
35 designee;

36 (12) The Responsible Growth Coordinator, or the coordinator's
37 designee;

38 (13) The executive director of the Connecticut Housing Finance
39 Authority, or the executive director's designee;

40 (14) A representative of the Connecticut Conference of
41 Municipalities; and

42 (15) A representative of the Connecticut Council of Small Towns.

43 (c) Any member of the roundtable group appointed under
44 subdivision (1), (2), (3) or (4) of subsection (b) of this section may be a
45 member of the General Assembly.

46 (d) All initial appointments to the roundtable group shall be made
47 not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any
48 vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.

49 (e) The majority leader of the Senate and the majority leader of the
50 House of Representatives shall be the chairpersons for the roundtable
51 group. The chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the
52 roundtable group, which shall be held not later than sixty days after the
53 effective date of this section.

54 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
55 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to housing
56 shall serve as administrative staff of the roundtable group.

57 (g) Not later than January 1, 2024, and annually on January first
58 thereafter, the roundtable group shall submit a report on its findings
59 and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General
60 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to housing, in
61 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes."