



General Assembly

Amendment

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Offered by:
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To: Subst. House Bill No. 6397

File No. 305

Cal. No. 203

"AN ACT CONCERNING ZERO-CARBON EMISSIONS."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The state of Connecticut
4 hereby declares a climate crisis to demonstrate the urgency for enacting
5 meaningful climate legislation and to support increased efforts to secure
6 federal funds to respond to such crisis. Such crisis threatens the
7 resilience of communities in the state, regardless of zip code, multiple
8 aspects of the state's natural resources and infrastructure assets, the
9 state's economy and the quality of life for younger generations of state
10 residences. Accordingly, the state recognizes the urgency to
11 significantly and rapidly decrease greenhouse gas emissions and
12 increase community coping capacities to handle the impacts of climate
13 change. The state recognizes the need and urgency to mitigate climate
14 impacts and prepare for and manage disaster risk from climate change.

15 (b) Not later than July 1, 2025, the Commissioner of Energy and
16 Environmental Protection shall, within available appropriations,

17 produce a comprehensive Connecticut Decarbonization Roadmap. Such
 18 roadmap shall identify those regulations, policies and programs
 19 necessary to ensure the state achieves the emissions reduction targets
 20 set forth in section 22a-200a of the general statutes, including, but not
 21 limited to: (1) Identifying interim and sector-specific targets to assist in
 22 the planning process, (2) identification of available federal funds to
 23 assist local businesses, schools and municipalities in reducing carbon
 24 emissions, (3) the estimated carbon emissions reductions of proposed
 25 policies, including the proportion of the total necessary reductions that
 26 each recommended policy achieves, (4) a timeline for implementation of
 27 recommended actions, (5) identification of each entity with
 28 responsibility for implementing the policy, and (6) the estimated net
 29 value of the benefits of implementing the proposed policies, including,
 30 but not limited to, the energy cost savings and economic benefits.

31 (c) The Connecticut Decarbonization Roadmap shall ensure relevant
 32 timelines and deadlines of the Global Warming Solutions Act are met
 33 by the state and it shall assist in developing tangible actions to meet the
 34 emissions reduction requirements set forth in section 22a-200a of the
 35 general statutes. Such roadmap may include any information and
 36 recommendations from the Governor's Council on Climate Change
 37 reports, the state's Comprehensive Energy Strategy, the state's
 38 Greenhouse Emissions Inventory Report and the state's Integrated
 39 Resources Plan that is relevant to the state achieving such emission
 40 reduction targets."

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