



General Assembly

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

15 (b) Not later than December 15, 2023, the Commissioner of Energy  
16 and 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, identifying: (1) Interim and sector-specific targets to assist in  
22 the planning process, which the commissioner shall review every five  
23 years and update as needed to meet such emissions reductions targets,  
24 (2) available federal funds to assist local businesses, schools and  
25 municipalities in reducing carbon emissions, (3) the estimated carbon  
26 emissions reductions of proposed policies, including the proportion of  
27 the total necessary reductions that each recommended policy achieves,  
28 (4) a timeline for implementation of recommended actions, (5) each  
29 entity with responsibility for implementing the policy, and (6) the  
30 estimated net value of the benefits of implementing the proposed  
31 policies, including, but not limited to, the energy cost savings and  
32 economic benefits.

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

43 (d) Upon completion of such Connecticut Decarbonization Roadmap,  
44 the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall submit  
45 such roadmap to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
46 having cognizance of matters relating to the environment. Such  
47 roadmap shall be implemented upon the approval of both chambers of  
48 the General Assembly."

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