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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5189

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING A SMALL HARBOR IMPROVEMENT
PROJECTS ACCOUNT."**

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

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Connecticut Port
4 Authority shall establish an account to be known as the "small harbor
5 improvement projects account". There shall be deposited in the account:
6 (1) The proceeds of notes, bonds or other obligations issued by the state
7 for the purpose of deposit therein and used in accordance with the
8 permissible uses thereof; (2) funds appropriated by the General
9 Assembly for the purpose of deposit therein and used in accordance
10 with the permissible uses thereof; and (3) any other funds required or
11 permitted by law to be deposited in the account. The funds in said
12 account shall be expended by the authority for the purposes described

13 in subsection (b) of this section. As used in this section, "small harbor"
14 means any harbor in the state other than a harbor in the city of
15 Bridgeport, New Haven or New London.

16 (b) The small harbor improvement projects account may be used (1)
17 for federal and nonfederal dredging projects in small harbors to (A)
18 support, in full or in part, local and state matching requirements for such
19 projects; (B) cover the incremental costs associated with applicable
20 environmental regulatory requirements or management practices,
21 including beneficial use; and (C) cover part or all of the costs of such
22 projects in the absence of adequate federal funds; and (2) to fund private
23 maritime infrastructure projects in small harbors, provided all
24 applicable permits and authorizations are obtained before such private
25 maritime infrastructure projects receive any such funding. If the account
26 is used for the purpose described in subparagraph (C) of subdivision (1)
27 of this subsection, the authority shall pursue reimbursement to the
28 account from the federal government.

29 (c) The authority shall adopt procedures in accordance with section
30 1-121 of the general statutes to implement the provisions of this section,
31 including, but not limited to, a process for contracting for projects in
32 small harbors under this section."

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