



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5335

LCO No. 2279



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFETY CAPACITY OF BURR POND STATE PARK IN TORRINGTON.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) The Commissioner of
2 Energy and Environmental Protection shall develop and post for
3 members of the public, on or before January 31, 2027, the capacity limit
4 of Burr Pond State Park. Such capacity limit shall be determined
5 utilizing the following factors: (1) The number of visitors that can be
6 safely supervised, taking into account the staffing at said state park; (2)
7 the number of swimmers that can be safely supervised, taking into
8 account the lifeguard staffing in said state park; (3) the parking capacity
9 at said state park; (4) the public restroom facility capacity at such state
10 park; (5) the pedestrian and vehicular traffic on any state highway
11 without a sidewalk that leads to said state park that threatens, or is
12 reasonably likely to threaten, public safety by pedestrians walking on
13 the side of the highway or by impeding the travel of emergency vehicles
14 because of the high volume of vehicles parked or moving on the
15 highway; and (6) the authority of the commissioner to utilize the
16 number of vehicles entering said state park as a proxy for the number of

17 visitors at said state park. The commissioner shall coordinate with
18 municipal and state law enforcement agencies to implement traffic
19 control efforts to minimize public safety concerns on local roadways and
20 any state highway outside such state park and may close such state park
21 to new entrants when such capacity is reached, regardless of the means
22 by which patrons enter such state park.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a safety capacity for Burr Pond for the protection of park attendees and the vehicular traffic in the area of said park.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]