General Assembly

Amendment

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LCO No. **5630**

Offered by:
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To: Senate Bill No. **420** File No. 470 Cal. No. 282

"AN ACT CONCERNING NATURAL GAS AND GAS COMPANIES."

After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and internal references accordingly:

"Sec. 501. Section 22a-20b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, any special act, municipal charter or ordinance, in any municipality having a population of **[**ten**]** twenty thousand persons or fewer, as of the most recent decennial census of the United States, all or part of which is listed by the Department of Economic and Community Development as a distressed community, or which is listed by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection as an environmental justice community, and in which any waste incinerator, resource recovery facility, trash-to-energy facility, or renewable energy facility permitted by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, or other affecting

facility, as defined in section 22a-20a, is located, or is located outside of such municipality but within fifteen miles of a proposed new affecting facility in such municipality, any elector or voter of such municipality may petition for a town referendum, in accordance with the applicable provisions of sections 7-7 and 7-9, for the reversal of any approval or denial, as applicable, of a permit by the commissioner pursuant to section 22a-20a, for a new affecting facility that is based on the considerations required by subsection (g) of said section. An affirmative vote of such electorate shall constitute the reversal of such approval or denial of such permit, as applicable, notwithstanding such approval or denial by the commissioner, as applicable."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	*October 1, 2026*	22a-20b