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Legislative Update – May 10, 2012

The legislative session adjourned late yesterday evening. The table below is a preliminary list of new Public Acts regarding environment, energy, and land use that may be of interest (based on information available at this time). This is not intended to be a comprehensive list but rather a select list based on bills we have been monitoring during the session. The Acts are organized in the table by their committee of origin. If you do not see a bill that you were interested in, you can find a list of all bills that passed one chamber or the other on the General Assembly's website: <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2012/lbp/lobp.htm>.

Many of the Acts passed in the closing days of the session do not have Public Act numbers yet; as the Public Act numbers become available, they will appear on the "Bill Status" page. If a bill was amended but did not receive a new file copy before final passage, then the most recent file copy is listed in the table below along with links to each of the subsequent amendments (e.g., House A; Senate A) adopted.

The Governor has 15 days from the date of receipt of an engrossed bill to either sign or veto the bill. If after 15 days he has not signed or vetoed the bill, it automatically becomes law. If any Public Acts are vetoed, the legislature will hold a veto session to consider or attempt to override those vetoes.

Table 1: Environment, Energy, and Land Use Related Bills

Committee of Origin	Bill No.	Title	Bill Status Report	File Copy as of 5/10/12
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE				
Environment	88	AAC THE PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO KNOW OF A SEWAGE SPILL	Bill Status	Public Act 12-11 Signed by Gov'r
Environment	254	AA RESTRICTING THE APPLICATION OF FERTILIZERS THAT CONTAIN PHOSPHATE	Bill Status	File No. 364 ; Senate and House passed as amended by Sen. A
Environment	347	AAC THE STATE'S OPEN SPACE PLAN	Bill Status	File No. 589 ; Senate and House passed as amended by Sen. A
Environment	350	AA REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MANUFACTURER MERCURY THERMOSTAT COLLECTION AND RECYCLING PROGRAMS	Bill Status	File No. 372 ; Senate and House passed as amended by Sen. A
Environment	351	AAC CERTAIN CEMETERY EROSION MITIGATION EFFORTS WITHIN THE COASTAL BOUNDARY	Bill Status	File No. 277 ; Senate and House passed as amended by Sen. A
Environment	376	AAC THE COASTAL MANAGEMENT ACT AND SHORELINE FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL STRUCTURES	Bill Status	File No. 282 ; Senate and House passed as amended by Sen. A and Sen. B
ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE				
Energy and Technology	23	AA ENHANCING EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE	Bill Status	File No. 401 ; Senate and House passed as amended by Sen. A
Energy and Technology	5271	AAC THE SITING COUNCIL	Bill Status	File No. 55 ; Senate and House passed
Energy and Technology	5543	AAC THE CREATION AND EXPANSION OF MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	Bill Status	File No. 454 ; Senate and House passed

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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE				
Planning and Development	263	AAC LIABILITY OF ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS	Bill Status	File No. 49 ; Senate and House passed
Planning and Development	345	AAC MUNICIPAL FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL BOARDS	Bill Status	File No. 371 ; Senate and House passed as amended by Sen. A
Planning and Development	440	AAC PHOSPHOROUS REDUCTION IN STATE WATERS	Bill Status	File No. 377 ; Senate and House passed as amended by Sen. B
Planning and Development	5315	AA AUTHORIZING PLANNING COMMISSIONS TO NOTIFY REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCIES OF SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS BY ELECTRONIC MAIL	Bill Status	Public Act 12-27
Planning and Development	5318	AAC THE REVISION OF MUNICIPAL CHARTERS	Bill Status	Public Act 12-34
Planning and Development	5319	AAC PERSONS AGGRIEVED BY DECISIONS OF MUNICIPAL LAND USE BOARDS AND THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING MUNICIPAL BLIGHT ORDINANCES.	Bill Status	File No. 649 ; Senate and House passed as amended by House B
Planning and Development	5320	AAC BONDS AND OTHER SURETY FOR APPROVED SITE PLANS AND SUBDIVISIONS	Bill Status	File No. 349 ; Senate and House passed as amended by House A
OTHER COMMITTEES				
Banks	5073	AAC REVISIONS TO CONNECTICUT'S MODEL ENTITY TRANSACTIONS ACT AND THE CONNECTICUT BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT	Bill Status	Public Act 12-32
Commerce	5342	AAC REVISIONS TO THE STATE'S BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION AND DEVELOPMENT STATUTES	Bill Status	File No. 441 ; Senate and House passed as amended by House A
Commerce	5343	AAC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGH STREAMLINED AND IMPROVED BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION PROGRAMS	Bill Status	File No. 389 ; Senate and House passed as amended by House A
Commerce	5344	AAC STREAMLINING THE STATE'S STORMWATER GENERAL PERMITTING PROCESS	Bill Status	File No. 627 ; Senate and House passed as amended by House B

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