



Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection



2012 Legislative Overview

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Background

- Legislative Short Session, February 8 – May 9
- Special Session, June 12

- 1017 proposals in total
- 25 tracked by the Air Bureau
- 212 passed by both chambers
- 3 tracked bills were passed by both chambers



Bureau Proposals

- H.B. 5127 - Air Proposals
- Low Emission Vehicle Program
 - Proposed to allow the Department to adopt changes to the California LEV program by prospective incorporation by reference
 - CA makes multiple changes a year to the program
 - CT must be identical to CA at all times
 - Each change requires a separate rulemaking in CT
 - CAA lead-time requirements and CT rulemaking delays unnecessarily complicate compliance



Bureau Proposals

- Radiation
 - Changes to biennial re-registration of sources of ionizing radiation with a \$ 400 fee rather than a \$200 re-registration fee
 - Minor Changes to enforcement provisions
- H.B. 5129 passed through the Environment and Judicial Committees, never considered by House or Senate



Other Bills of Note

- S.B. 84, AAC Outdoor Wood Burning Furnaces
- Committee Bill
- Would have adopted EPA tier II requirements for new units
- Would have adopted a summer moratorium on use
- Absent a change in the current regulation DEEP standards will sunset when EPA passes standards
- S.B. 84 passed the Senate, never considered in the House



Public Acts

- Public Act 12-92 Changes to the Administrative Procedure Act
- General modernization requires all agencies to:
 - Post all rules, policies and procedures on the agency website
 - Post all written manuals and guidance documents on the agency website
- Public Act 12-104, State Budget
 - Various reductions to DEEP's budget



Questions?

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