



Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection



2013 Legislative Overview

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- January 9, 2013- June 5, 2013
 - 2884 Bills introduced during 2013 Session
 - 121 Bills Air Bureau Tracking List
 - 311 Public Acts
 - Department is directly or indirectly affected by approximately 10 of these Public Acts



Bureau Proposals

H.B. 1019 – Streamlining, Radiation and Noise

- Noise provisions were eliminated in Committee
- Radiation Changes, § 3-7
 - Amends the radiation enforcement provisions to authorize the Commissioner to use additional remedial measures, hearing processes, judicial remedies and fines.
- §2, Allows DEEP to publish notice of tentative determination on a permit on DEEP website, with smaller newspaper notice
- Public Act 13-205



Bureau Proposals

S.B. 1008, More Streamlining

- The original bill failed in Committee
- Streamlining elements *moved* to H.B. 6653
 - GHG Vehicle Labeling Repeal (22a-201a)
 - General Permit for Emergency Engines and Corresponding Pilot Program Repeal (22a-174l)
 - Fixed Price CO2 Allowance Sale for Long Term PPA Repeal (22a-174m)
- Passed, P.A. 13-209



Other Bills of Note

- Stage II Decommissioning Bill, H.B. 6534
 - Repeals Stage II requirement, establishes timeline for decommissioning of existing stage II systems by 2015
- Passed, P.A. 13-120
- The Department has already had meeting with industry representatives and is expected to post a factsheet on the DEEP website soon.



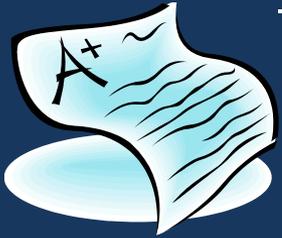
Other Bills of Note

- Implementation of Comprehensive Energy Strategy, H.B. 6360
 - § 17 amends 16a-21a to require 500 ppm fuel sulfur limit for heating oil from 2014 to June 30, 2018, and 15 ppm thereafter
 - Deletes multi-state trigger that required NY, MA and RI to adopt substantially similar regulations
- Passed, P.A. 13-298
- S.B. 1138, Renewable Portfolio Standards
- P.A. 13-303



Other Bills of Note

- Mercury Emissions Testing, S.B. 564



- Allows owner/ operators of certain coal-burning electric power plants to reduce the frequency of mercury emissions stack testing from quarterly to annually provided demonstrated compliance for eight consecutive calendar quarters.

- P.A. 13-58

- H.B. 6363, Streamlining State Government

- Section 20, Eliminates the Small Business Air Pollution Advisory Board (22a-188a)

- P.A. 13-299, not signed as of today



E-Regulations Systems

- P.A. 13-17, P.A. 13-274, P.A. 13-247 Continue the process of transitioning state government to more electronic processes with “E-Regulations.”
- Requires the creation of an “E-Regulation” system to be administered by the Sec. of State by October 1, 2014.
- Will include regulation adoption process changes.



Bills that Failed

- EPA Phase II EPA requirements for OWFs, H.B. 5818
 - Would require any OWF sold after October 1, 2013 to meet EPA phase II emissions requirements, new siting standards and stack height requirements, would grant local health officials remedial measures, and would require the burning of clean untreated wood.
 - Would also delete the clause that sunsets CT rules upon promulgation of EPA rules.
- EPA expected to promulgate OWF rules in 2014



Questions?

Questions, Thoughts, Ideas for 2014?

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