2014 Legislative Overview
• Short Session, February 5 – May 7, 2014
• 1091 Bills introduced during 2014 Session
• 1 Bureau Proposal (Radiation)
• 32 Bills on Air Bureau Tracking List
• 234 Public Acts
Bills by Year

Bill Trends

Even numbered years are short sessions, running from February to May
Odd numbered years are short sessions, running from January to July

Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Bureau Proposal

H.B. 5307 Radiation

• Would amend registration frequency for ionizing radioactive sources from annual to biennial
• Would exempt fire departments from paying a fee to register chemical detectors
• Passed the Environment and Finance Committees
• Not considered by the House
Budget

Budget and Budget Implementer (P.A. 14-47 and P.A. 14-217)

- Various reductions to DEEP budget including:
  - Clean Air Account
  - Environmental Quality
  - Environmental Conservation
Streamlining

P.A. 14-187 - AN ACT ELIMINATING UNNECESSARY GOVERNMENT REGULATION

Implementation of E.O. 37
Rulemaking Changes and Clarifications
  • Amends C.G.S. 4-174 to require agencies have incorporated sections of regulations available for review
  • Amends C.G.S. 13b-38a, repeals provisions requiring Clean Air Task force to develop transportation management plan.
  • Repeals 22a-174-21 (Carbon Monoxide Regulations) and 22a-174-36a (Heavy Duty Vehicle Emissions Regulations)
  • Repeal of Noise Program Statutes (Removed in Committee)
Outdoor Wood Burning Furnaces

Public Act 14-92 - AN ACT CONCERNING OUTDOOR WOOD-BURNING FURNACES

Revises C.G.S. section 22a-174k to:

- Remove the sunset provision that would sunset regulations upon promulgation of EPA regulations (Expected later this year or early 2015)

- Requires all units, regardless of the installation date, to burn clean wood
Public Act 14-222 - AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CONNECTICUT PORT AUTHORITY

Establishes the Connecticut Port Authority

• Commissioner of DEEP is a member of the Board of Directors
• Board must adopt plan to establish port policies
• Will be important part of future fleet strategies
Advanced Technology Vehicles

EV Charging, P.A. 14-94
- Section 19 of the bill requires DEEP to amend Building Construction Standards regulations to include provisions for EV charging stations

Procurement Preference, P.A. 14-136
- Adds hydrogen and propane vehicles to state procurement preference list when procuring new fleet vehicles

Electric Customer Consumer Protection Bill, PA 14-75
- Increased electric consumer protections
Questions?

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