



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 98

LCO No. 782



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DRAW DOWN SCHEDULE ON LAKE BESECK.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 22a-339h of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2020*):

3 On or before November 1, [2006] 2020, the Commissioner of Energy
4 and Environmental Protection shall enter into an agreement with the
5 town of Middlefield and the Lake Beseck Association regarding a
6 schedule for annual water level draw downs of Lake Beseck. Water level
7 draw downs shall be three feet during even-numbered years with
8 completion achieved by December first of such year and maintained
9 until March first of the following year. Water level draw downs shall be
10 six feet during odd-numbered years achieved by November first of such
11 year and maintained until [December] January thirty-first of such year;
12 a three-foot water level draw down shall be maintained thereafter until
13 March first of the following year. Such water level draw downs are
14 designed to balance the various concerns of the lake community,
15 including: Recreational needs, preservation of lakefront infrastructure,

16 fisheries habitat and other natural resource concerns.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2020	22a-339h

Statement of Purpose:

To provide for a longer six foot draw down period of Lake Beseck in odd-numbered years in order to increase the likelihood of root exposure for aquatic plants to temperatures that assist in the effective management of such plants.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]