



General Assembly

January Session, 2021

***Raised Bill No. 857***

LCO No. 3165



Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:  
(ET)

***AN ACT CONCERNING EMERGENCY BACKUP POWER FOR CELL TOWERS.***

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) On or before October 1, 2022,  
2 each telecommunications company, as defined in section 16-1 of the  
3 general statutes, shall ensure that any free-standing telecommunications  
4 tower or antenna owned, leased or operated by such company contains  
5 a backup power source sufficient to provide twenty-four consecutive  
6 hours of service during an electric service outage.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To require a telecommunications company to provide backup power for free-standing telecommunications towers or antennas.

***[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.]***