



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 6429

LCO No. 5562



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING A GRANT-IN-AID PROGRAM FOR MUNICIPALITIES COMBATING GYPSY MOTH AND EMERALD ASH BORER INFESTATIONS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2019*) The Secretary of the Office of
2 Policy and Management shall establish a grant-in-aid program for
3 municipalities that have documented infestations of gypsy moths or
4 emerald ash borers and that have incurred or are projected to incur
5 expenses: (1) In excess of such municipality's customary budgeted
6 expenses for tree removal required to preserve public safety and
7 health, or (2) for gypsy moth or emerald ash borer suppression
8 programs. The secretary may establish criteria for the award of any
9 such grants-in-aid and the manner and form of application for such
10 grants-in-aid. The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
11 Protection and the Director of the Connecticut Agricultural
12 Experiment Station shall consult with the secretary to identify
13 additional sources of funding for such program, including, but not
14 limited to, any available federal funds.

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

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	New section
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