

**AN ACT ENSURING ACCESS TO PARKING NEAR PUBLIC BEACHES
AND RECREATIONAL AND SCENIC AREAS.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of Energy and
2 Environmental Protection and the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
3 Management shall jointly conduct a study of access by members of the
4 public to beaches and parks adjacent to marine or tidal waters that are
5 owned or otherwise controlled by any municipality or other political
6 subdivision of the state. Such study shall include, but not be limited to,
7 (1) an examination of any ordinances, regulations or other rules enacted
8 or enforced by any such municipality or political subdivision that limit
9 access to any such beach or park based on the residency of any potential
10 visitor, (2) an examination of any fees or other means of limiting access
11 that disparately impact any such potential visitor based on residency,
12 (3) an accounting of any state or federal funds received by any such
13 municipality or political subdivision for such beach or park, and (4) an
14 examination of whether the receipt of any such funds require access by
15 members of the public to such beach or park and whether any
16 ordinances, regulations or other rules enacted or enforced by such
17 municipality or public subdivision violate such access requirements.

18 (b) Not later than January 1, 2023, the commissioner and the secretary
19 shall submit to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
20 having cognizance of matters relating to the environment, planning and
21 development and transportation, in accordance with the provisions of
22 section 11-4a of the general statutes, (1) a report on the findings of such

23 study and (2) recommendations for legislation to address potential
24 concerns identified in such study regarding access by members of the
25 public to such beaches and parks.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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