



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 588

January Session, 2019



AN ACT PROHIBITING OFF-SHORE DRILLING FOR OIL AND GAS IN CONNECTICUT.

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

1 Section 1. Section 22a-473 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

3 (a) No person may engage in exploratory drilling for oil or gas until
4 the regulations required by section 22a-472 are adopted.

5 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
6 no person shall engage in drilling for oil or gas, exploratory or
7 otherwise, in the territorial waters of the state. No state agency or
8 department, including, but not limited to, the Department of Energy
9 and Environmental Protection, shall issue or approve any permit,
10 lease, contract or conveyance for, or relating to, the drilling for oil or
11 gas in the territorial waters of the state.

12 (c) No person shall engage in the practice of seismic mapping in the
13 territorial waters of the state. No state agency or department,
14 including, but not limited to, the Department of Energy and
15 Environmental Protection, shall issue or approve any permit, lease,
16 contract or conveyance for, or relating to, seismic mapping in the
17 territorial waters of the state. For the purposes of this section, "seismic
18 mapping" means the use of sound wave technology to locate and map

19 rocks and other geological formations below the Earth's surface that
20 may contain oil or gas for the purpose of facilitating the exploration for
21 or drilling of oil or gas.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	22a-473
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