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year provided such limitation shall not apply to an expenditure of not more than fifteen thousand dollars from the account on or before July 1, 1994, to reimburse expenditures made on or before said date, with prior written authorization of the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, by private organizations to promote the contribution system and the endangered species, natural area preserves and watchable wildlife account.

(b) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to provide for distribution of funds available pursuant to this section and section 12-743.

(P.A. 93-233, S. 4.)

Sec. 22a-27m. Air emissions permit operating fee account. There is established within the Environmental Quality Fund established under section 22a-27g an account to be known as the "air emissions permit operating fee account". Notwithstanding the provisions of section 22a-27g any moneys collected in accordance with section 22a-174a shall be deposited in the Environmental Quality Fund and credited to the air emissions permit operating fee account. Any balance remaining in the account at the end of any fiscal year shall be carried forward in the account for the fiscal year next succeeding. The account shall be used by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection solely for the purpose of covering the direct and indirect costs of administering the program set forth in Title V of the federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

(P.A. 94-130, S. 12.)

Sec. 22a-27n. Connecticut lighthouse preservation account. (a) There is created the Connecticut lighthouse preservation account which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account of the Long Island Sound account. The account may receive any funds required by law to be deposited into the account. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection may receive private donations and funds from the federal government for deposit in the account. Any balance remaining in the account at the end of any fiscal year shall be carried forward in the account for the fiscal year next succeeding.

(b) All moneys deposited in the account shall be used by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection for (1) the provision of grants or loans to private, nonprofit entities or to municipalities for the preservation, maintenance or restoration of publicly-accessible historic lighthouses on Long Island Sound including, but not limited to, protection of lighthouse structures and associated properties from tidal erosion, and enhancing public access to lighthouses, (2) the cost of administering this section provided nothing in this section shall prohibit the commissioner from using existing application forms in the Long Island Sound license plate program until such forms have been distributed and (3) reimbursement of the Department of Motor Vehicles for the cost of soliciting and transferring the lighthouse preservation donation authorized under section 14-21e, including any administrative expenses.

(c) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection may provide for the reproduction and marketing of the image of Connecticut's publicly-accessible historic lighthouses for use on clothing, recreational equipment, posters, mementoes or other products or programs deemed by the commissioner to be suitable as a means of supporting the Connecticut lighthouse preservation account. Any funds received by the commissioner from such marketing shall be deposited in said account.

(P.A. 97-221, S. 1.)

Sec. 22a-27o. Greenways account. (a) There is established an account to be known as the "greenways account". The greenways account shall be an account of the Conservation Fund established under section 22a-27h. Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, any moneys required by law to be deposited in the account shall be deposited in the Conservation Fund and credited to the greenways account. Any balance remaining in the account at the end of any fiscal year shall be carried forward in the account for the fiscal year next succeeding. The account shall be available (1) to the Commissioner of Environmental Protection for reimbursement of the Department of Motor Vehicles for the cost of producing, issuing, renewing and replacing greenways commemorative number plates, including administrative expenses, pursuant to section 14-21i and (2) to the Commissioner of Environmental Protection for grants pursuant to section 23-101.

(b) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection may receive private donations to the greenways account and any such receipts shall be deposited in the account.

(c) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection may provide for the reproduction and marketing of the greenways commemorative number plate image for use on clothing, recreational equipment, posters, mementoes, or other products or programs deemed by the commissioner to be suitable as a means of supporting the greenways account. Any funds received by the commissioner from such marketing shall be deposited in the greenways account.

(P.A. 97-236, S. 19, 27.)

History: P.A. 97-236 effective July 1, 1997.

Sec. 22a-27p. Private funds authorized for renovation of historical structures on state land. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection may accept and use private donations for the renovation of historical structures on state land.

(P.A. 97-221, S. 3.)

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WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES

*Cited. 183 C. 532, 539. Inland wetlands and watercourses act. Secs. 22a-28-22a-45, cited. 211 C. 416, 427. Inland wetlands and watercourses act. Sec. 22a-28 et seq. cited. 227 C. 71, 84.

Wetlands and watercourses act cited. 21 CA 122, 124. Sec. 22a-28 et seq. cited. 25 CA 401, 402. Inland wetlands and watercourses act Secs. 22a-28-22a-45 cited. 26 CA 564, 566. Cited. 29 CA 469, 476. Cited. 37 CA 348, 351. Wetlands and Watercourses Act Sec. 22a-28-22a-45a cited. 43 CA 227.

Cited. 41 CS 184, 189, 190, 193. Secs. 22a-28-22a-45 cited. Id.

Sec. 22a-28. (Formerly Sec. 22-7h). Preservation of tidal wetlands. Declaration of policy. It is declared that much of the wetlands of this state has been lost or despoiled by unregulated dredging, dumping, filling and like activities and that the remaining wetlands of this state are all in jeopardy of being lost or despoiled by these and other activities, that such loss or despoliation will adversely affect, if not entirely eliminate, the value of such wetlands as sources of nutrients to finfish, crustacea and shellfish of significant economic value; that such loss or despoliation will destroy such wetlands as habitats for plants and animals of significant economic value and will eliminate or substantially reduce marine commerce, recreation and aesthetic enjoyment; and that such loss or despoliation will, in most cases, disturb the natural ability of tidal wetlands to reduce flood damage and adversely affect the public health and welfare.