

**Public Act 08-98 (HB 5600)**  
**An Act Concerning CT Global Warming Solutions**  
**Summary of requirements for Governor's Steering Committee on Climate Change**

Summary of deadlines:

Jan 1, 2007	DMV collect GHG reduction fee on all new registrations
Jan 1, 2009	GSC establish subcommittee on adaptation
Dec 1, 2009	DEP publish GHG inventory and summary of GHG reduction strategies
Dec 31, 2009	GSC adaptation subcommittee submit report to GSC
Jan 1, 2010, biannually	GSC report on energy savings for state agencies, policies and regulations to reduce GHGs
July 1, 2010	GSC adaptation subcommittee submit report to Governor and Gen Assembly
July 1, 2010	DEP publish results of GHG modeling scenarios
July 1, 2011	DEP recommend GHG reduction strategies
Jan 1, 2012, every 3 years	DEP report schedule of proposed regulations and policies to meet GHG limits, assessment of scientific info, status of GHG reduction efforts in other states and countries
July 12, 2012, every 3 years	DEP develop schedule of recommended regulatory actions and policies by agencies to achieve GHG limits
1 year prior to federal cap & trade program	DEP and OPM report on differences between federal and state programs, further regulatory or legislative actions needed to comply with fed program
Jan 1, 2020	GHGs reduced to 1990 levels
Jan 1, 2050	GHGs reduced to 2001 levels

Section 2:

a) The state shall reduce the level of emissions of greenhouse gas:

- 10% below 1990 levels by 2020
- 80% below 2001 levels by 2050
- [deletes 2010 GHG reduction goal]

b) GSC submit biannual report (starting 1/1/10) to OPM and DEP on existing and proposed activities and improvements to state agency facilities to meet Governor's energy saving goals and policies and regulations that could be adopted in near future to reduce GHG to meet mandated reductions.

c) DEP, in consultation with OPM and GSC, report on quantifiable emissions reductions every 3 years (starting 1/1/12). Report to include schedule of proposed regulations, policies to achieve GHG limits, assessment of latest scientific info and data on global climate change and status of GHG reduction efforts in other states and countries.

d) DEP and OPM to report on any differences between federal and state requirements at least one year prior to any federally mandated GHG cap and trade program, including identification of further regulation or legislative actions needed to achieve consistency with federal program.

[deletes annual progress report, 1/1/08 action plan for long-term reductions]

Section 3:

- a) DEP, with assistance from non-profit supporting air quality and climate programs in northeast, shall:

- a. publish GHG inventory and baseline and GHG reduction strategies (by 12/1/09)
  - b. publish results of modeling scenarios concerning GHG emissions, including evaluation of potential economic and environmental benefits and opportunities for economic growth (by 7/1/10)
  - c. analyze GHG reduction strategies and make recommendations to achieve required GHG reductions (by 7/1/11)
  - d. develop schedule of recommended regulatory actions by relevant agencies, policies, and other actions to achieve required GHG reductions (by 7/1/12 and every 3 years)
- b) DEP may adopt regulations to implement this section

[deletes required annual GHG reporting from Title V sources]

Section 4:

- a) DEP shall adopt regulations to implement RGGI
- b) DEP, in consultation with DPUC, shall auction all emissions allowances and invest proceeds in energy conservation, load management, and Class 1 renewable energy programs
- c) RGGI regulations may include provisions to cover reasonable administrative costs to implement RGGI and fund assessment and planning to reduce emissions, mitigate impact of climate change and cover the reasonable administrative costs of state agencies associated with adopting of regulations, plans, and policies. Such costs shall not exceed 7.5% of total projected allowance value. RGGI regulations may also set aside portion of allowances to support voluntary renewable energy provisions of RGGI model rule and CHP.
- d) Allowances allocated to energy conservation load management program shall be incorporated into the planning and procurement process.

Section 5:

In order to achieve GHG reduction requirements:

- 1) DEP shall monitor development of low carbon fuel standards, evaluate net carbon reductions, assess full lifecycle GHG emissions...using CARB and EPA modeling tools.
- 2) DOT shall, within available appropriations, continue to investigate potential for improvements to state's transportation system that will reduce GHG emission and coordinate with NE states on regional strategies to incorporate GHG reductions into regional transportation planning, including high speed rail, light-rail passenger service, and freight rail service within NE.
- 3) DEP may work with interested states and provinces to develop market-based compliance mechanisms to achieve GHG limits, including cap and trade programs.

Section 6:

- a) DMV shall charge \$5 for each new motor vehicle registration – "GHG reduction fee." Fees shall be deposited in federal Clean Air Act account.
- b) DEP may draw upon up to 60% of funds from GHG reduction fee account to implement requirements of this act. DMV may draw upon up to 40% of funds.

Section 7:

- a) By 1/1/09, GSC shall establish subcommittee to assess impacts of climate change on:
  - 1) State and local infrastructure, public health and natural resources and habitats in the state,
  - 2) develop recommendations and plans to enable state and local government to adapt to such impacts
  - 3) provide technical assistance to implement such recommendations and plans
- b) By 12/1/09, subcommittee shall report to GSC on assessment of current state and private programs and research on projected impacts on:
  - 1) infrastructure
  - 2) natural resources
  - 3) public health
  - 4) agriculture

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c)By 7/1/10, subcommittee shall report to Governor and GA on recommendations for changes to existing state and municipal programs, laws or regulations to enable municipalities and natural habitats to adapt to harmful climate change impacts and to mitigate such impacts.

Section 8:

DEP can enter into contracts with technical consultants... and serve on the board of a nonprofit corporation, including nonprofit created for the purpose of facilitating the state's implementation of multistate air pollution control programs.