



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5660

LCO No. 4645

Referred to Committee on Government Administration and
Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC ACCESS TO BUILDING
CONSTRUCTION PLANS.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 29-261 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2003*):

4 (e) Notwithstanding any provision of the Freedom of Information
5 Act, as defined in section 1-200, or the State Building Code, any plan
6 for a single-family dwelling submitted for review pursuant to section
7 29-263 shall not be disclosed to any person except (1) the owner of such
8 plan, or the owner of the dwelling represented in the plan; (2) an
9 authorized agent of such owner; (3) a building official or local fire
10 marshal who is responsible for reviewing such plan or enforcing the
11 State Building Code or the State Fire Safety Code with respect to such
12 dwelling; or (4) a law enforcement agency. Notwithstanding any
13 provision of the Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section 1-
14 200, or the State Building Code, [to the contrary,] the building official
15 shall return plans and specifications on file at the time of the request

16 for the issuance of a certificate of occupancy for any single-family
17 dwelling or out-building to the owner of such dwelling or building no
18 earlier than two years after the issuance of the certificate of occupancy.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2003

Statement of Purpose:

To protect the security of single-family dwellings and the individuals who reside in such dwellings by providing that any building plan submitted to obtain a building permit for such dwelling shall not be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act except when disclosed to the owner of the plan or dwelling, an agent of the owner, a building official or local fire marshal in the course of official duties, or a law enforcement agency.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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