



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 6292

LCO No. 2328

Referred to Committee on Public Safety

Introduced by:

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AN ACT ENSURING THE SAFETY OF VACANT BUILDINGS.

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

1 That the general statutes be amended to provide that if a building or
2 portion of a building has been unoccupied and disconnected from the
3 electric distribution system for a period of six months or longer, an
4 electrician licensed pursuant to chapter 393 of the general statutes, at
5 the expense of the owner of such building, shall inspect the electric
6 conductors and equipment up to and including the main device to
7 disconnect electric power to such building and shall provide written
8 notice to the electric distribution company, as defined in section 16-1 of
9 the general statutes, authorized to provide electric distribution services
10 to the service area in which such building is located that such
11 equipment is electrically safe and does not constitute a public safety
12 hazard. Upon receipt of the written notice, the electric distribution
13 company shall promptly resume delivery of electricity to such building
14 or portion of such building.

Statement of Purpose:

To require an electrical safety inspection of a building that has been disconnected from the electric distribution system longer than six months before an electric distribution company reconnects service to such building; to require a determination by a licensed electrician that the main electric service entrance conductors and associated equipment up to the main disconnect device are electrically safe; and to require the electrician to give written notice to the electric distribution company that the equipment is electrically safe. Upon notice, the company shall promptly reconnect service to the building.