



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 6292**

LCO No. 3812

Referred to Committee on Public Safety

Introduced by:  
(PS)

***AN ACT ENSURING THE SAFETY OF VACANT BUILDINGS.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) If a building or portion of  
2 a building has been unoccupied and disconnected from the electric  
3 distribution system for a period of six months or longer, an electrician  
4 licensed pursuant to chapter 393 of the general statutes, at the expense  
5 of the owner of such building, shall inspect the electric conductors and  
6 equipment up to and including the main device to disconnect electric  
7 power to such building and shall provide written notice to the electric  
8 distribution company, as defined in section 16-1 of the general statutes,  
9 authorized to provide electric distribution services to the service area  
10 in which such building is located that such equipment is electrically  
11 safe and does not constitute a public safety hazard. Upon receipt of the  
12 written notice, the electric distribution company shall promptly  
13 resume delivery of electricity to such building or portion of such  
14 building.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>

**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.

*[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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