

**TESTIMONY**  
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**CONNECTICUT ALARM & SYSTEMS INTEGRATORS ASSOCIATION**  
**(CASIA)**  
**BEFORE THE**  
**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**  
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**The Connecticut Alarm & Systems Integrators Association (CASIA) supports SB-S. B. No. 673 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR UNLICENSED PERSONS ENGAGING IN CERTAIN WORK FOR WHICH AN OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE IS REQUIRED.**

Clearly, contractors who utilize unlicensed workers to perform work requiring a license or registration should be punished. Under current law, the state Department of Consumer Protection is severely limited in the penalties that they can impose against such contractors. As a result, these contractors continue to operate, knowing that they will get little more than a nominal fine.

Contractors that do not abide by the regulations that govern their trade and who create potentially unsafe work environments should be punished. Those of us who have worked hard to promote the professionalism of the industry through licensure and continuing education support efforts to increase the state Department of Consumer Protection's enforcement powers against unlicensed contractors. This is in the best interest of the industry and the best interest of consumers.

CASIA therefore urges lawmakers to support SB-673. Thank you.

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