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"AN ACT CONCERNING REGISTRATION OF HOMEMAKER-COMPANION AGENCIES WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION."

1 Change the effective date of sections 1 to 9, inclusive, to "October 1,
2 2006"

3 In lines 30 and 50, before "scope" insert "anticipated"

4 In line 51, strike "and" and insert "(3) such agency maintains a surety
5 bond" and strike "(3)" and substitute "(4)" in lieu thereof

6 In line 148, after "current" insert "employee of the agency that has
7 been employed by such agency for less than one year" and after "or"
8 insert "any"

9 After line 164, insert the following:

10 "(c) In addition to the requirements set forth in subsection (a) of this

11 section, each homemaker-companion agency shall require that any
12 current or prospective employee of such agency complete and sign a
13 form which contains questions as to whether the current or prospective
14 employee has been convicted of a crime involving violence or
15 dishonesty in a state court or federal court in any state; or has been
16 subject to any decision imposing disciplinary action by a licensing
17 agency in any state, the District of Columbia, a United States
18 possession or territory or a foreign jurisdiction. Any current or
19 prospective employee of a homemaker-companion agency who makes
20 a false written statement regarding such prior criminal convictions or
21 disciplinary action shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor."

22 Strike sections 10 and 11 in their entirety and substitute the
23 following in lieu thereof:

24 "Sec. 10. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) Not later than seven
25 calendar days after the date on which a homemaker-companion
26 agency commences providing homemaker services or companion
27 services, such agency shall provide the person who receives the
28 services, or the authorized representative of such person, with a
29 written contract or service plan that prescribes the anticipated scope,
30 type, frequency, duration and cost of the services provided by the
31 agency. In addition, any contract or service plan provided by a
32 homemaker-companion agency to a person receiving services shall
33 also provide notice (1) of the person's right to request changes to, or
34 review of the contract or service plan, (2) of the employees of such
35 agency who, pursuant to section 9 of this act are required to submit to
36 a state criminal history records check, and (3) that such agency's
37 records are available for inspection or audit by the Department of
38 Consumer Protection. The requirements of this section shall not apply
39 to homemaker services or companion services provided under the
40 Connecticut home-care program for the elderly administered by the
41 Department of Social Services in accordance with section 17b-342 of
42 the 2006 supplement to the general statutes.

43 Sec. 11. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) The Commissioner of

44 Consumer Protection, in consultation with the Commissioner of Public
45 Safety, may adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54 of the
46 general statutes, to carry out the provisions of sections 1 to 10,
47 inclusive, of this act. The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may
48 implement policies and procedures necessary to administer the
49 provisions of this section while in the process of adopting such policies
50 and procedures as regulations, provided the Commissioner of
51 Consumer Protection prints notice of the intent to adopt the
52 regulations in the Connecticut Law Journal not later than twenty days
53 after the date of implementation. Such policies and procedures shall be
54 valid until the time final regulations are adopted."