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**Committee Bill No. 618**

LCO No. 5591

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Referred to Committee on Planning and Development

Introduced by:  
(PD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 29-401 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

3 The Commissioner of Public Safety shall adopt such regulations in  
4 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 as may be necessary for  
5 the administration of this part, including but not necessarily limited to,  
6 working definitions of such terms as "demolition", "building",  
7 "structure" and the like. Such regulations shall be designed for, and  
8 limited to, the carrying into effect of the intent and purpose of this part  
9 for public safety. Such regulations shall also be designed to discourage  
10 demolition of buildings in order to reduce energy costs and material  
11 waste.

12 Sec. 2. Section 29-406 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
13 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

14 (a) No person shall demolish any building, structure or part thereof  
15 without obtaining a permit for the particular demolition undertaking

16 from the building official of the town, city or borough wherein such  
17 building or part thereof is located. No person shall be eligible to  
18 receive a permit under this section unless he furnishes to the building  
19 official written evidence (1) of financial responsibility in the form of a  
20 certificate of insurance specifying demolition purposes and providing  
21 liability coverage for bodily injury of at least one hundred thousand  
22 dollars per person with an aggregate of at least three hundred  
23 thousand dollars, and for property damage of at least fifty thousand  
24 dollars per accident with an aggregate of at least one hundred  
25 thousand dollars; each such certificate shall provide that the town or  
26 city and its agents shall be saved harmless from any claim or claims  
27 arising out of the negligence of the applicant or his agents or  
28 employees in the course of the demolition operations; (2) in the form of  
29 a certificate of notice executed by all public utilities having service  
30 connections within the premises proposed to be demolished, stating  
31 that such utilities have severed such connections and service; [.] and  
32 (3) that he is the holder of a current valid certificate of registration  
33 issued under the provisions of section 29-402, except in the case of (A)  
34 a person who is engaged in the disassembling, transportation and  
35 reconstruction of historic buildings for historical purposes or who is  
36 engaged in the demolition of farm buildings or in the renovation,  
37 alteration or reconstruction of a single-family residence, or (B) an  
38 owner who is engaged in the demolition of a single-family residence or  
39 outbuilding, as provided in subsection (c) of section 29-402. No permit  
40 shall be issued under this section unless signed by the owner and the  
41 demolition contractor. Each such permit shall contain a printed  
42 intention on the part of the signers to comply with the provisions of  
43 this part.

44 (b) In addition to the powers granted pursuant to this part, any  
45 town, city or borough may, by ordinance, impose a waiting period of  
46 not more than [ninety] one hundred eighty days before granting any  
47 permit for the demolition of any building or structure or any part  
48 thereof.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	29-401
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	29-406

**Statement of Purpose:**

To protect the environment by requiring state demolition regulations to reduce energy and material waste by discouraging demolition and increase the delay period for the demolition of buildings.

*[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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