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**"AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE OF CERTAIN PROBATE COURT HEARINGS AND THE FILING OF CERTAIN REPORTS."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 45a-8 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

5 (a) The town or towns comprising each probate district shall  
6 provide court facilities meeting the minimum standards required by  
7 this section. If a probate district consists of more than one town, the  
8 expense shall be allocated to the towns in proportion to their grand  
9 lists last perfected. Such court facilities shall include: (1) Office space  
10 appropriate for the conduct of judicial business, including (A) a room  
11 for the judge of probate sufficient in size for ordinary matters in which

12 judicial proceedings may be conducted in private, (B) a separate room  
13 for the court staff, and (C) on a prearranged basis, access to a larger  
14 hearing room for the conduct of unusually large court hearings; (2)  
15 furniture and furnishings appropriate to a court facility; (3) use and  
16 maintenance of a copying machine and the necessary supplies; (4) use  
17 and maintenance of [microfilming equipment and the necessary  
18 supplies, including record books or the equipment to produce records]  
19 court record systems and equipment, including such record books and  
20 electronic, digital, microfilming or similar systems required to  
21 maintain, provide access to and produce court records, and the  
22 necessary supplies for such systems, equipment and records; (5) the  
23 necessary stationery, postage and other related supplies in order that  
24 the court may properly carry out its duties; (6) typing equipment with  
25 which to complete the necessary records; (7) basic telephone service,  
26 which shall include all local calls; (8) if a court is computerized, a  
27 dedicated telephone line and maintenance of the computer equipment;  
28 and (9) adequate liability, fire, loss, theft and replacement insurance on  
29 the furniture, furnishings, equipment, court facilities and the records of  
30 the court.

31 (b) If a town or towns comprising a probate district and the  
32 responsible municipal official or officials within such probate district  
33 fail to provide the court facilities required by subsection (a) of this  
34 section, the Probate Court Administrator shall offer in writing to meet  
35 with the judge of probate of the district and the responsible official or  
36 officials to discuss such court facilities. After discussion and  
37 consideration of the circumstances of the court operations, the Probate  
38 Court Administrator may waive or modify the application of a  
39 particular requirement of subsection (a) of this section for court  
40 facilities.

41 (c) If suitable court facilities are not provided in accordance with  
42 subsection (a) or (b) of this section: (1) The Probate Court  
43 Administrator shall provide written notice, by first class mail, to the  
44 judge of probate of the district and the chief executive officer of the  
45 town in which the court is located, on or before October first of any

46 year in which suitable court facilities are not so provided. Such notice  
47 shall specify the requirements of subsection (a) or (b) of this section  
48 that are not met and shall direct the submission of a plan as required  
49 by this subdivision. Not later than January first of the year following  
50 the year in which such notice is provided, such chief executive officer,  
51 or his or her representative, shall file with the Probate Court  
52 Administrator a plan and time frame for meeting such requirements  
53 and providing suitable court facilities; (2) not later than February first  
54 of the year following the year in which notice is provided under  
55 subdivision (1) of this section, the Probate Court Administrator shall  
56 submit a report to the joint standing committee of the General  
57 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary  
58 concerning the failure of the probate district to provide the required  
59 court facilities, [together with] which report may include a  
60 recommendation that the probate district be abolished as a separate  
61 district and be consolidated with a contiguous district where suitable  
62 court facilities can be provided; or [(2)] (3) if, in the opinion of the  
63 Probate Court Administrator, abolition of the district is not in the  
64 public interest and judicial action is necessary to enforce the provision  
65 of suitable court facilities, the Probate Court Administrator shall bring  
66 an action in the Superior Court to enforce the requirements for the  
67 provision of suitable court facilities.

68 (d) Any town located in a probate district that desires to (1)  
69 consolidate such probate district with one or more districts, (2) be  
70 removed from such probate district to a separate district established  
71 for any such town, or (3) be located in another probate district, may, by  
72 resolution of its legislative body, petition the General Assembly for  
73 such consolidation, separation and creation of a new probate district or  
74 relocation. The Probate Court Administrator shall provide such  
75 assistance in the preparation of the petition as the officials of the town  
76 or towns may request. At the time of submission of a petition to the  
77 General Assembly, a copy of the petition shall be sent to the judges of  
78 probate in the probate districts to be affected. No probate district may  
79 be consolidated with another district until the expiration of the term of

80 office of any probate judge in an affected probate district.

81 (e) Each judge of probate shall provide suitable records and  
82 supplies, in accordance with subsection (a) of this section, for the court  
83 in the judge's district. The judge of probate shall cause a complete  
84 record to be made of all orders passed by such court and of all wills,  
85 inventories, distributions, accounts, bonds and returns made to or  
86 lodged with such court. The expense of records, microfilming or the  
87 equipment to produce records, and of supplies which the judge deems  
88 necessary, shall be paid, upon the order of the judge, by the town or  
89 towns composing the district in proportion to their grand lists last  
90 perfected.

91 (f) When the Probate Court Administrator, by regulation, requires  
92 that the courts of probate use specified forms, education materials,  
93 supplies or equipment not otherwise required by this section, they  
94 shall be furnished by the Probate Court Administrator and the expense  
95 paid from the [fund] Probate Court Administration Fund established  
96 under section 45a-82.

97 Sec. 502. Section 45a-77 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
98 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

99 (a) The Probate Court Administrator may attend to any matters  
100 [which] that the Probate Court Administrator [deems] considers  
101 necessary for the efficient operation of the courts of probate and for the  
102 expeditious dispatch and proper conduct of the business of [those]  
103 such courts. The Probate Court Administrator shall administer and  
104 enforce the provisions of this chapter, sections 503 to 505, inclusive, of  
105 this act and the regulations issued under this section, and shall ensure  
106 performance of the duties of judges of probate and clerks of the courts  
107 of probate in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, said  
108 sections and such regulations. The Probate Court Administrator may  
109 make recommendations to the General Assembly for legislation for the  
110 improvement of the administration of the courts of probate.

111 (b) (1) The Probate Court Administrator may issue and shall enforce

112 regulations, provided such regulations are approved in accordance  
113 with [this] subsection (c) of this section. Such regulations shall be  
114 binding on all courts of probate and shall concern [the auditing,] the  
115 following matters for the administration of the probate court system:  
116 (A) Auditing, accounting, statistical, billing, recording, filing and other  
117 court procedures; (B) reassignment and transfer of cases; (C) fiscal  
118 matters of the courts of probate; (D) training of court personnel and  
119 continuing education programs for judges of probate and court  
120 personnel; and (E) the enforcement of the provisions of this chapter,  
121 sections 503 to 505, inclusive, of this act and the regulations issued  
122 pursuant to this section, including, but not limited to, recovery of  
123 expenses associated with any such enforcement, as permitted by such  
124 regulations.

125 (2) The Probate Court Administrator may adopt regulations, in  
126 accordance with chapter 54, provided such regulations are approved in  
127 accordance with [this] subsection (c) of this section. Such regulations  
128 shall be binding on all courts of probate and shall concern: [the] (A)  
129 The availability of judges; [,] (B) court facilities, [court] personnel and  
130 records; [,] (C) hours of court operation; and (D) telephone service.

131 [(3)] (c) (1) Either the Probate Court Administrator or the executive  
132 committee of the Connecticut Probate Assembly may propose [such]  
133 regulations authorized under subsection (b) of this section. Any  
134 regulation proposed by the Probate Court Administrator shall be  
135 submitted to the executive committee of the Connecticut Probate  
136 Assembly for approval. Any regulation proposed by the executive  
137 committee of the Connecticut Probate Assembly shall be submitted to  
138 the Probate Court Administrator for approval. If either the Probate  
139 Court Administrator or the executive committee of the Connecticut  
140 Probate Assembly fails to approve a proposed regulation, such  
141 proposed regulation may be submitted to a panel of three Superior  
142 Court judges appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. The  
143 panel of judges, after consideration of the positions of the Probate  
144 Court Administrator and the executive committee of the Connecticut  
145 Probate Assembly, shall either approve the proposed regulation or

146 reject the proposed regulation.

147 (2) Any proposed new regulation and any change in an existing  
148 regulation issued under this section on or after the effective date of this  
149 section shall be submitted to the joint standing committee of the  
150 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the  
151 judiciary for approval or disapproval in its entirety, provided, if more  
152 than one proposed new regulation or change in an existing regulation  
153 is submitted at the same time, said committee shall approve or  
154 disapprove all such proposed new regulations and changes in existing  
155 regulations together in their entirety. Unless disapproved by said  
156 committee within ninety days of the date of such submittal, each such  
157 regulation shall become effective on the date specified in such  
158 regulation, but not in any event until ninety days after promulgation.

159 ~~[(c)]~~ (d) The Probate Court Administrator shall regularly review the  
160 auditing, accounting, statistical, billing, recording, filing,  
161 administrative and other procedures of the ~~[several]~~ courts of probate.

162 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) The Probate Court Administrator shall, personally, or by an  
163 authorized designee of the Probate Court Administrator who has been  
164 admitted to the practice of law in this state for at least five years, visit  
165 each court of probate at least once during each two-year period to  
166 examine the records and files of such court in the presence of the judge  
167 of the court or the judge's authorized designee. The Probate Court  
168 Administrator shall make ~~[whatever]~~ any additional inquiries ~~[are~~  
169 deemed] that the Probate Court Administrator considers appropriate  
170 ~~[.]~~ to ascertain whether the business of the court, including the  
171 charging of costs and payments to the State Treasurer, has been  
172 conducted in accordance with law, rules of the courts of probate,  
173 regulations issued under this section and the canons of judicial ethics,  
174 and to obtain information concerning the business of the courts of  
175 probate which is necessary for the ~~[administrator]~~ Probate Court  
176 Administrator to perform properly the duties of the office.

177 Sec. 503. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) If the Probate Court

178 Administrator determines that the business of a court of probate has  
179 not been conducted in accordance with law or the regulations issued  
180 pursuant to section 45a-77 of the general statutes, as amended by this  
181 act, or that the business of a court of probate is not being conducted  
182 properly or with expeditious dispatch, or that suitable court facilities  
183 are not being provided for a court of probate in accordance with  
184 subsection (a) or (b) of section 45a-8 of the general statutes, as  
185 amended by this act, the Probate Court Administrator may meet with  
186 the judge of such court in an effort to correct any such deficiencies. If  
187 the Probate Court Administrator determines that action under this  
188 section is warranted, the Probate Court Administrator shall give  
189 written notice of his or her determinations made under this subsection,  
190 and the reasons therefor, to the judge of such court. The Probate Court  
191 Administrator shall include with such notice the Probate Court  
192 Administrator's proposed disposition of the matter, which may  
193 include one or more of the following actions: (1) Reassignment of any  
194 case pending before such court to a special assignment probate judge  
195 or to another judge of probate by means of a citation in the manner  
196 provided in section 45a-120 of the general statutes; (2) designation of a  
197 special assignment probate judge to assist the judge of such court in  
198 conducting the business of such court; or (3) recovery of expenses  
199 associated with any of such actions, as permitted by regulations issued  
200 pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 45a-77 of the  
201 general statutes, as amended by this act.

202 (b) (1) Not later than ten business days after receiving written notice  
203 as provided in subsection (a) of this section, a judge of probate who is  
204 the subject of an action of the Probate Court Administrator under this  
205 section may file with the Probate Court Administrator a request for a  
206 hearing before a review panel. The review panel shall consist of (A) a  
207 judge of probate selected by the Probate Court Administrator, (B) a  
208 judge of probate selected by the judge who is the subject of the action,  
209 and (C) a judge of probate jointly selected by the judges who have  
210 been selected under subparagraphs (A) and (B) of this subdivision,  
211 except that if such judges are unable to make a joint selection, the

212 judge of probate required under this subparagraph shall be selected by  
213 the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

214 (2) Not later than fifteen business days after the filing of a request  
215 for a hearing under subdivision (1) of this subsection, the review panel  
216 shall hold a hearing on the Probate Court Administrator's  
217 determination and proposed disposition of the matter. The Probate  
218 Court Administrator and the judge who is the subject of the action  
219 shall have a right to be heard and present evidence at the hearing. The  
220 Probate Court Administrator shall have the burden of proving that  
221 such judge received written notice as required by subsection (a) of this  
222 section. After the hearing, a majority of the members of the review  
223 panel may affirm, dismiss or modify the Probate Court Administrator's  
224 determination and proposed disposition of the matter under  
225 subsection (a) of this section. Either the Probate Court Administrator  
226 or such judge may request that the matter be heard on the record  
227 under sections 51-72 and 51-73 of the general statutes.

228 (c) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, if a  
229 timely request for a hearing is not filed under subdivision (1) of  
230 subsection (b) of this section by the judge who is the subject of the  
231 action, the Probate Court Administrator's proposed disposition of the  
232 matter under subsection (a) of this section shall take effect immediately  
233 upon the expiration of the ten business day period set forth in  
234 subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section.

235 (2) If the Probate Court Administrator, in consultation with the  
236 Chief Court Administrator, determines that, with respect to a pending  
237 case, an emergency exists due to the fact that a probate matter has not  
238 been conducted with expeditious dispatch within the proper time  
239 frames prescribed by law, rules of the courts of probate or regulations  
240 issued pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 45a-77,  
241 as amended by this act, the Probate Court Administrator's proposed  
242 disposition of the matter under subsection (a) of this section shall take  
243 effect when the judge who is the subject of the action receives notice as  
244 provided in subsection (a) of this section. Such proposed disposition

245 shall be subject to such judge's right to a hearing and the decision of  
246 the review panel under subsection (b) of this section, provided the  
247 validity of any order or decree made, proceeding held or other action  
248 taken by a special assignment probate judge or another judge of  
249 probate pursuant to such proposed disposition when an emergency  
250 exists due to the fact that a matter has not been conducted with  
251 expeditious dispatch, as provided in this subdivision, shall not be  
252 affected by any subsequent decision of the review panel under  
253 subsection (b) of this section.

254 (d) The Probate Court Administrator shall issue regulations  
255 pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 45a-77 of the  
256 general statutes, as amended by this act, concerning rules of procedure  
257 for the conduct of any hearing before a review panel under this  
258 section. Such rules of procedure shall address: (1) The notice of the  
259 Probate Court Administrator's determination and reasons therefor  
260 under subsection (a) of this section; (2) the content of a request for a  
261 hearing and any notice of hearing; (3) hearing procedures; (4)  
262 evidence; (5) subpoenas; (6) the production of documents; (7)  
263 continuances; (8) intervenors; (9) the hearing record; and (10) the right  
264 to cross-examine, present arguments and inspect and copy relevant  
265 materials.

266 (e) Any judge of probate who is aggrieved by any decision under  
267 this section may appeal such decision to the superior court for the  
268 judicial district in which the probate district of such judge is located.  
269 An appeal under this subsection shall be taken within thirty days of  
270 such decision. Appeals from any such decision rendered in any case  
271 after a record is made under sections 51-72 and 51-73 of the general  
272 statutes shall be on the record and shall not be a trial de novo. In any  
273 such appeal, the court may grant such relief as the court determines to  
274 be appropriate.

275 Sec. 504. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) There shall be special  
276 assignment probate judges appointed by the Chief Justice of the  
277 Supreme Court, on nomination by the Probate Court Administrator,

278 from among the judges of probate elected as provided in section 45a-18  
279 of the general statutes. A nominee of the Probate Court Administrator  
280 shall have demonstrated the special skill, experience or expertise  
281 necessary to serve as a special assignment probate judge. The Probate  
282 Court Administrator shall issue regulations pursuant to subdivision (1)  
283 of subsection (b) of section 45a-77 of the general statutes, as amended  
284 by this act, to establish requirements concerning the responsibilities of  
285 special assignment probate judges and the number, geographic  
286 distribution and expertise of such judges. A special assignment  
287 probate judge shall serve at the pleasure of the Chief Justice.

288 (b) Subject to the approval of the Chief Court Administrator, the  
289 Probate Court Administrator shall fix the compensation of special  
290 assignment probate judges appointed pursuant to this section. Such  
291 compensation shall, on the order of the Probate Court Administrator,  
292 be paid from the Probate Court Administration Fund established  
293 under section 45a-82 of the general statutes. Such compensation,  
294 including compensation that a special assignment probate judge  
295 receives as a judge of probate of the district to which he or she was  
296 elected, shall not exceed the compensation provided under subsection  
297 (k) of section 45a-92 of the general statutes. A special assignment  
298 probate judge shall have such benefits as may inure to him or her as a  
299 judge of probate and shall receive no additional benefits, except  
300 compensation provided under this subsection.

301 Sec. 505. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) A court of probate shall be  
302 open to the public for the conduct of court business not less than  
303 twenty hours each week, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays,  
304 on a regular schedule between the hours of eight o'clock a.m. and five  
305 o'clock p.m. The judge of probate of a probate district may close a  
306 court temporarily owing to inclement weather, an emergency or other  
307 good cause. Such judge shall immediately give notice of a temporary  
308 closing to the Probate Court Administrator, together with the reason  
309 for such closing and the date and time when the court will reopen.

310 (b) The Probate Court Administrator may, for good cause shown,

311 modify the requirements of this section.

312 Sec. 506. Subsection (c) of section 45a-92 of the general statutes is  
 313 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
 314 *1, 2007*):

315 (c) Each judge of probate or personal representative, except a judge  
 316 of probate who is the Probate Court Administrator, shall at the time of  
 317 filing such returns pay to the State Treasurer to be credited to the fund  
 318 established by section 45a-82, a percentage of the annual net income  
 319 from such office based on the following table in which the percentage  
 320 appearing in the left column shall first be multiplied by the minimum  
 321 annual compensation of a high volume court as provided in subsection  
 322 (k) of this section, as in effect on the first day of July of the calendar  
 323 year for which an assessment is due pursuant to this section, the  
 324 product of which shall then be multiplied by the applicable percentage  
 325 appearing in the right column:

T1	First 20% of the compensation assessment rate	
T2	of a high volume court	\$1 nominal
T3	Next 6.67%	5%
T4	Next 6.66%	10%
T5	Next 6.67%	15%
T6	Next 6.67%	25%
T7	Next 6.66%	35%
T8	Next 13.34%	50%
T9	Next 33.33%	75%
T10	Next 33.67%	80%
T11	Next 66.67%	85%
T12	Next 133.33%	95%
T13		
T14	Excess over 333.67%, up to the maximum amount computed at 97.5%	
T15	by the Probate Court Administrator	
T16		
T17	All over the maximum amount computed at 100% by the Probate	
T18	Court Administrator.	

326 As used [herein] in this subsection, "maximum amount" [shall mean]  
327 means the amount of annual net income from such office which, when  
328 applying the percentage payments set forth above, shall result in the  
329 judge of probate retaining as net compensation, after the payment of  
330 the above amounts, no more than the product resulting from the  
331 multiplication of seventy-two dollars by the annual weighted-  
332 workload of the court, as defined [by regulations to be adopted] in  
333 regulations issued by the Probate Court Administrator pursuant to  
334 subdivision [(3)] (1) of subsection (b) of section 45a-77, as amended by  
335 this act, but not to exceed the compensation of a high volume court as  
336 set forth in subsection (k) of this section, provided this limitation shall  
337 not apply to those courts described in subsection (k) of this section.  
338 Such payment shall be deemed to be a necessary expense of such  
339 office, but shall not be deductible from the gross income for the  
340 purpose of determining net income of such office under this section.  
341 Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, the annual  
342 minimum compensation of a judge of probate shall be no less than the  
343 product resulting from the multiplication of fifteen dollars by the  
344 annual weighted-workload of the court, as defined [by regulations to  
345 be adopted] in regulations issued by the Probate Court Administrator  
346 pursuant to subdivision [(3)] (1) of subsection (b) of section 45a-77, as  
347 amended by this act, or no less than the judge's average compensation  
348 for the three-year period from January 1, 1996, to December 31, 1998,  
349 but, in no event shall that minimum compensation exceed that  
350 provided pursuant to subsection (k) of this section.

351 Sec. 507. Subsection (f) of section 45a-92 of the general statutes is  
352 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
353 *1, 2007*):

354 (f) If, based upon such estimate, the amount payable shall be less  
355 than one hundred dollars, the payment thereof shall be made in one  
356 payment on or before December thirty-first of the applicable year.  
357 Otherwise, the amount payable shall be made in four substantially  
358 equal installments payable on or before the last day of March, June,

359 September and December of the applicable year, except that in the case  
360 of an estimate filed pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of this  
361 section, the amount payable under such estimate shall be made in  
362 substantially equal installments on such installment payment dates  
363 next following the timely filing of such estimate in such year. The  
364 estimated payment may be amended and changed at any time during  
365 the year in which it is payable by increasing or decreasing the amount.  
366 The amount of such increase or decrease shall be paid for or adjusted  
367 in the installment or payment due at the time the estimated assessment  
368 is next payable after such amendment. The Probate Court  
369 Administrator may [adopt] issue regulations pursuant to subdivision  
370 (1) of subsection (b) of section 45a-77, as amended by this act, to carry  
371 out the intent of this subsection.

372 Sec. 508. Subsection (i) of section 45a-92 of the general statutes is  
373 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
374 *1, 2007*):

375 (i) (1) If any estimated quarterly payments required to be paid  
376 pursuant to subsection (f) of this section [is] are less than one-fourth of  
377 seventy per cent of the total assessment due for that year or less than  
378 one-fourth of ninety-five per cent of the assessment paid for the prior  
379 year, such person shall be obligated to pay to such fund a penalty of  
380 ten per cent of the amount of the deficiency, except that the Probate  
381 Court Administrator may waive such penalty for cause in accordance  
382 with regulations [adopted] issued pursuant to subdivision (1) of  
383 subsection (b) of section 45a-77, as amended by this act. Any such  
384 penalty shall become payable upon demand by the Probate Court  
385 Administrator, and be due within thirty days after such demand, in  
386 accordance with regulations [promulgated] issued by the Probate  
387 Court Administrator, and shall be subject to interest under subdivision  
388 (2) of this subsection in the event of default in such payment. (2) Any  
389 payments required under subsection (f) or (h) of this section which are  
390 not paid at the applicable times prescribed in said subsections, and any  
391 penalty payment required under subdivision (1) of this subsection  
392 which is not timely paid, shall incur simple interest at the rate

393 applicable under section 12-376 for delinquent payment of succession  
394 and transfer taxes where no extension has been granted, to be payable  
395 to the State Treasurer and to be added to the fund established under  
396 section 45a-82. Any alleged delinquency of a judge of probate in  
397 making payments as required under this section shall be referred by  
398 the State Treasurer to the Attorney General for such action as the  
399 Attorney General deems necessary.

400 Sec. 509. Subsection (g) of section 5-259 of the general statutes is  
401 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
402 *1, 2007*):

403 (g) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,  
404 the Probate Court Administration Fund established in accordance with  
405 section 45a-82, shall pay for each probate judge and Probate Court  
406 employee not more than one hundred per cent of the portion of the  
407 premium charged for his or her individual coverage and not more than  
408 fifty per cent of any additional cost for his or her form of coverage. The  
409 remainder of the premium for such coverage shall be paid by the  
410 probate judge or Probate Court employee to the State Treasurer.  
411 Payment shall be credited by the State Treasurer to the fund  
412 established by section 45a-82. The total premiums payable shall be  
413 remitted by the Probate Court Administrator directly to the insurance  
414 company or companies or nonprofit organization or organizations  
415 providing the coverage. The Probate Court Administrator shall  
416 [establish] issue regulations governing group hospitalization and  
417 medical and surgical insurance [in accordance with] pursuant to  
418 subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 45a-77, as amended by this  
419 act."