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LCO No. 2166

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Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by:
(LAB)

**AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION DISCLOSURES
ON CONSTRUCTION SITES.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 31-286b of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

3 (a) Prior to issuing a building permit pursuant to section 29-263 of
4 the 2008 supplement to the general statutes to any person other than a
5 sole proprietor or property owner unless such sole proprietor or
6 property owner is acting as a general contractor or principal employer,
7 a local building official shall require proof of workers' compensation
8 coverage from the general contractor, principal employer and any
9 subcontractors for all employees, as defined in section 31-275, [who are
10 employed by an employer, as defined in said section,] who are
11 engaged to perform services on the site of the construction project for
12 which the permit was issued.

13 (b) As used in subsection (a) of this section, "proof of workers'
14 compensation coverage" means (1) a written certificate of insurance
15 provided by the general contractor, [or] principal employer or

16 subcontractor that includes (A) the name of the general contractor,
17 principal employer or subcontractor; (B) the name of the insurer
18 providing the workers' compensation insurance; (C) the workers'
19 compensation insurance policy number; (D) the dollar limits of
20 coverages listed for the workers' compensation and the general
21 contractor's, principal employer's or subcontractor's liability insurance;
22 (E) the signature of an authorized representative under the certificate
23 of liability insurance; (F) the issue date of the certificate of liability
24 insurance that precedes the date any work began on the project; and
25 (G) the date and timeframe under which the work is being performed
26 that falls within the policy effective and policy expiration dates listed
27 on the certificate of liability insurance, or (2) a certificate from the
28 Workers' Compensation Commissioner indicating that the general
29 contractor, [or] principal employer or subcontractor has properly
30 chosen not to obtain workers' compensation coverage pursuant to
31 section 31-275, [or (3) if]

32 (c) If a property owner or sole proprietor intends to act as a general
33 contractor or principal employer, [a written certificate of insurance or a
34 sworn notarized affidavit, which he shall provide, stating that he will
35 require proof of workers' compensation insurance for all those
36 employed on the job site in accordance with the provisions of this
37 chapter] such property owner or sole proprietor shall provide proof of
38 workers' compensation coverage pursuant to subdivision (1) of
39 subsection (b) of this section.

40 (d) A local building official shall require proof of workers'
41 compensation coverage [only] at the time of the general contractor's,
42 [or] principal employer's or subcontractor's initial application and all
43 later applications.

44 (e) Failure by a contractor, principal employer or subcontractor to
45 comply with the provisions of this section, or provide false or
46 misleading information, shall result in an administrative penalty not
47 exceeding one thousand dollars per week that the general contractor,

48 principal employer or subcontractor failed to comply with the
49 provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2008	31-286b

Statement of Purpose:

To require general contractors, principal employers and subcontractors to provide proof of workers' compensation insurance prior to receiving any building permits.

[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.]