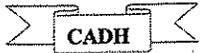


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Raised Bill No. 5730 AN ACT CONCERNING ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH,
SECTION 2

SUBMITTED TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
By CT Association of Directors of Health, Inc. (CADH)

March 3, 2008

Dear Senator Mary Ann Handley, Representative Peggy Sayers and Members of the
Public Health Committee:

CADH supports adoption of Section 2 of Raised Bill No. 5730 AN ACT CONCERNING
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH.

Local health departments (i.e., municipal health departments) and district health
departments are responsible for enforcement of numerous State Statutes, State
Regulations and local ordinances. There are occasions when enforcement action results
in a residential dwelling unit being declared unfit for human habitation. Under these
circumstances occupants of a dwelling unit are displaced due to a hazard, nuisance or
source of filth injurious to the public health.

This legislation is a particular need for district health departments. Until recently, all
Directors of Health operated with the understanding that relocation costs due to code
enforcement would be the responsibility of the municipality in which the dwelling unit
was located. There have been recent legal actions to make district health departments
responsible for relocation costs. Passage of this legislation is necessary to clarify that the
municipality in which the dwelling unit is located is responsible for code enforcement
relocation costs, regardless of whether the order was issued by a District Director of
Health or a municipal Director of Health.

Thank you for your consideration.

Please contact CADH at (860) 727-9874 should you have any questions or if there is any
assistance that CADH can provide.