



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 5312**

LCO No. 2395

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Aging

Introduced by:  
(AGE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR  
EMPLOYEES OF HOMEMAKER-COMPANION AGENCIES.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 20-678 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

3 Each homemaker-companion agency shall require that any  
4 employee of such agency hired on or after October 1, 2006, submit to a  
5 [comprehensive background] criminal history records check pursuant  
6 to section 29-17a. In addition, each homemaker-companion agency  
7 shall require that any employee of such agency hired on or after  
8 October 1, 2006, complete and sign a form which contains questions as  
9 to whether the current or prospective employee [was convicted of a  
10 crime involving violence or dishonesty in a state court or federal court  
11 in any state; or] was subject to any decision imposing disciplinary  
12 action by a licensing agency in any state, the District of Columbia, a  
13 United States possession or territory or a foreign jurisdiction. Any  
14 employee of a homemaker-companion agency hired on or after  
15 October 1, 2006, who makes a false written statement regarding such  
16 prior [criminal convictions or] disciplinary action shall be guilty of a

17 class A misdemeanor.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2009	20-678

**Statement of Purpose:**

To enhance the background check requirements for employees of homemaker-companion agencies.

*[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.]*