



**TESTIMONY
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CONNECTICUT ALARM & SYSTEMS INTEGRATORS ASSOCIATION
(CASIA)
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
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The Connecticut Alarm & Systems Integrators Association (CASIA) *supports* SB-788, **An Act Requiring the State Building Code be Revised to Incorporate Revisions to the National Electrical Code.**

The changes to the National Electric Code have not been adopted in Connecticut in a timely manner. CASIA believes that adopting the most recent version of the National Electrical Code promotes electrical safety by ensuring that the state is testing license applicants, training apprentices and enforcing the most updated code provisions, which have been revised to reflect changes in technology as well as new safety requirements.

Unfortunately, the state continually lags behind other states in adopting the most recent versions of the National Electric Code. In fact, the department has not yet begun the process of adopting the 2008 National Electrical Code. In addition to failing to incorporate changes that are intended to update safety practices for workers and consumers, this creates a disconnect between the code that is used in the field for enforcement purposes and the code that is used to train apprentices and test electrical license applicants.

CASIA therefore urges lawmakers to support SB-788. Thank you.

CASIA / Connecticut Alarm & Systems Integrators Association, established, in 1974, is a statewide trade association formerly known as the Connecticut Burglar and Fire Alarm Association / CBF AA. Dedicated to protecting lives and property through the responsible use of electronic security, fire and supervisory alarm systems, digital technologies have enabled member companies to offer enhanced services through integrated network systems.