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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5246

File No. 314

Cal. No. 169

"AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF, AND SERVICES FOR, VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE."

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- 1 Strike section 2 and insert the following in lieu thereof:
- 2 "Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2010*) (a) Notwithstanding the
- 3 provisions of chapters 830 and 831 of the general statutes, for rental
- 4 agreements entered into or renewed after December 31, 2010, any
- 5 tenant who (1) is a victim of family violence, as defined in section 46b-

6 38a of the general statutes, and (2) reasonably believes it is necessary to
7 vacate the dwelling unit due to a fear for the tenant's or the tenant's
8 child's personal safety because of family violence, may terminate the
9 rental agreement for the dwelling unit that the tenant occupies without
10 penalty or liability for the remaining term of the rental agreement
11 upon giving not less than thirty calendar days' written notice to the
12 landlord of such dwelling unit. Such notice shall include: (A) A
13 statement that the tenant is a victim of family violence; (B) a statement
14 that the tenant intends to terminate the rental agreement and the date
15 of such intended termination; and (C) a copy of a police or court record
16 related to the family violence or a signed written statement that the
17 tenant or the tenant's child is a victim of family violence, provided
18 such statement is from an employee or agent of a victim services
19 organization, an employee of the Office of Victim Services within the
20 Judicial Department or the Office of the Victim Advocate, or a medical
21 or other licensed professional from whom the tenant or the tenant's
22 child has sought assistance with respect to family violence.

23 (b) The tenant's termination of the rental agreement pursuant to this
24 section shall not relieve the tenant from liability to the landlord for any
25 rent arrearage incurred prior to such termination of the rental
26 agreement or from liability to the landlord for property damage
27 caused by the tenant.

28 (c) The landlord may bring an action in the Superior Court for
29 injunctive relief to prevent the termination of the rental agreement if
30 the requirements set forth in subsection (a) of this section for such
31 termination have not been satisfied."

32 Strike sections 3, 4, 5 and 6 in their entirety and renumber the
33 remaining sections and internal references accordingly

34 Strike section 7 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

35 "Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2010*) Not later than June 30, 2012, the
36 Commissioner of Public Health shall, within available appropriations,
37 develop one public service announcement to be issued by the

38 Department of Public Health through television broadcast for the
39 purpose of preventing teen dating violence and family violence, as
40 defined in section 46b-38a of the general statutes. The commissioner
41 may apply for public or private grants for the purpose of issuing such
42 public service announcement."

43 Change the effective date of section 8 to "Effective October 1, 2010"

44 In line 140, strike "sections 2, 3 and 5" and insert "section 2" in lieu
45 thereof