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Committee Bill No. 5442

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Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

Introduced by:
(INS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING HOMEOWNERS AND TENANTS INSURANCE
UNDERWRITING BASED ON BREED OF DOG.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2011*) With respect to a policy
2 for personal risk insurance, as defined in section 38a-663 of the general
3 statutes, delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or
4 continued in this state, no insurer shall establish rates or minimum
5 premiums under such policy or cancel, refuse to renew or refuse to
6 issue such policy on the basis of the breed of any dog owned by the
7 insured that is (1) an active or retired member of a volunteer canine
8 search and rescue team, as defined in section 5-249 of the general
9 statutes, or (2) a guide dog trained or being trained to assist blind, deaf
10 or mobility-impaired persons.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit insurers from underwriting certain personal risk insurance policies on the basis of the breed of any dog owned by the insured that is an active or retired member of a volunteer canine search and rescue team or a guide dog.

[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.]

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