



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5858**

LCO No. 4084

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Referred to Committee on General Law

Introduced by:  
(GL)

**AN ACT CONCERNING BED BUGS AND REMANUFACTURED  
MATTRESSES.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 21a-236 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

3 (a) Each place where bedding or filling material is made, renovated,  
4 sterilized, sanitized or sold shall be subject to inspection by the  
5 commissioner who may examine the contents of bedding and filling  
6 material and order off sale and hold for evidence any bedding or  
7 filling material which the commissioner has reason to believe was  
8 made or is being sold in violation of this chapter. No bedding or filling  
9 material placed off sale by the commissioner shall be sold, altered,  
10 interfered with or moved, in whole or in part, until the bedding or  
11 filling material is released by the commissioner.

12 (b) The commissioner may revoke or suspend any license or permit,  
13 reprimand any licensee or permittee, deny an application for a license  
14 or permit or renewal thereof, upon proof that: The applicant has made  
15 a false statement in the application for or renewal of a license or

16 permit; the applicant has violated any of the provisions of this chapter;  
17 or the applicant has engaged in any fraud, deceit or misrepresentation.

18 (c) The department shall have the power to impose a civil penalty  
19 not exceeding [two] five hundred dollars for [any violation] the first  
20 violation, one thousand dollars for the second violation and one  
21 thousand five hundred dollars for the third or subsequent violation of  
22 any provision of this chapter.

23 (d) Upon notification of revocation or suspension, the person to  
24 whom a license or permit was issued or his successor shall  
25 immediately return the licensee or permit to the department.

26 (e) No license or permit shall be denied, suspended or revoked nor  
27 shall any civil penalty be imposed until after a hearing held in  
28 accordance with chapter 54.

29 (f) Whenever the commissioner has reason to believe that any  
30 person has been engaged or is engaged in an alleged violation of any  
31 provision of this chapter, the commissioner may request the Attorney  
32 General to apply to the Superior Court for an order temporarily or  
33 permanently restraining and enjoining the continuance of such  
34 violation and such other relief as may be granted in equity. In such  
35 action the commissioner shall be responsible for all necessary  
36 investigative support.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	21a-236

**Statement of Purpose:**

To increase penalties for violations regarding the manufacturing, renovation and sale of bedding.

*[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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