



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 382**

February Session, 2012

House Bill No. 5146

*House of Representatives, April 12, 2012*

The Committee on Judiciary reported through REP. FOX, G. of the 146th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR ATTORNEYS.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2012*) Not later than January 1,  
2 2013, the Judicial Branch shall amend the form for annual attorney  
3 registrations required pursuant to the rules of practice of the Superior  
4 Court to permit attorneys to indicate on such form whether they  
5 maintain the professional liability insurance described in subdivision  
6 (3) of subsection (b) of section 38a-393 of the general statutes. On and  
7 after January 1, 2013, each attorney admitted by the Superior Court in  
8 accordance with section 51-80 of the general statutes shall indicate on  
9 any annual attorney registration form that the attorney is required to  
10 submit to the Judicial Branch pursuant to such rules of practice  
11 whether such attorney maintains such professional liability insurance.  
12 On and after May 1, 2013, the Judicial Branch shall indicate on its  
13 Internet web site the insurance status of each attorney that has  
14 submitted such form. The Judicial Branch shall annually update such

15 insurance status information.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	New section

**JUD**      *Joint Favorable*

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***OFA Fiscal Note******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill makes changes to the annual attorney registration form and requires the Judicial Department to indicate on their website the insurance status of attorneys who have submitted their registration form. There is no anticipated fiscal impact since it is expected that the Judicial Department will be able to carry out provisions of this bill without additional resources.

***The Out Years******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 5146*****AN ACT CONCERNING PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR ATTORNEYS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Judicial Branch to change its annual attorney registration form to allow attorneys to indicate on the form whether they maintain professional liability insurance. The Judicial Branch must do so by January 1, 2013, and attorneys must begin providing the information on their annual registrations on and after this date.

The bill also requires the Judicial Branch, on and after May 1, 2013, to indicate on its website, and update annually, the insurance status of attorneys who have submitted their registration forms.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2012

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 42 Nay 0 (03/26/2012)