

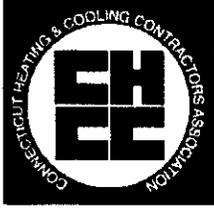
# Connecticut Heating & Cooling Contractors Association

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## TESTIMONY OF JENNIFER JENNINGS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BEFORE THE GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE MARCH 6, 2012

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*The Connecticut Heating & Cooling Contractors Association (CHCC), a trade association whose objectives are to strengthen and further trade relations, attract, educate and train necessary manpower, represent members at all levels of government and review and establish quality standards and procedures, and which represents over 125 Heating & Cooling Companies in Connecticut, submits comments regarding the following bills:*

**Concerning SB-316, AAC Notification of the Expiration of Trial Offers, Introductory Rate and Automatic Contract Renewals** – CHCC is concerned that this legislation could potentially impact the heating and cooling industry and our practices as it relates to the various contracts our members offer for service and ongoing maintenance of residential heating and cooling systems and equipment.

**Opposing SB-317, AA Exempting Certain Distribution Warehouse Employees From Professional Licensing Requirements** – CHCC opposes this bill because our contractors are concerned that this legislation could have broad implications for our industry as well as other licensed occupational trades. Specifically, CHCC opposes legislation that creates yet another exemption from state occupational licensing requirements. Furthermore, as written the proposed legislation appears to create an across the board exemption for employees of such a warehouse, to the point that they would not be required to hold a license even if they were performing what would otherwise be licensed work elsewhere in their warehouse aside from their duty regarding machinery to hoist or convey products on premises. For example, this legislation would create a potential scenario where an exempt employee whose primary duties concern operating hoisting or conveyor machinery in a warehouse would otherwise be allowed to perform complex work on the warehouse's heating or cooling systems without the proper training or a license. Such an exemption as contemplated by this bill is unnecessary, would create unsafe working conditions, and would result in terrible precedent for the HVAC industry and other licensed trades alike.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.