

TESTIMONY ON S.B. 183

LABOR COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING – MARCH 8, 2012 – 12 noon Room 2A

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The Mechanical Contractors Association of CT and the UA Plumbers & Pipefitters Union Local 777 supports Senate Bill 183, which adds the Insurance Commissioner and the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to the Joint Enforcement Commission on Employee misclassification.

This commission, within the Department of Labor, is vital for the coordination of all statutory and regulatory enforcement activities undertaken by these agencies in the state, especially in the construction industry. Enforcement has a positive effect on compliant employers and employees.

MCAC and Local 777 would like to express our gratitude to DOL Commissioner Marshall and his staff for their work on this issue and the Labor Committee for raising this bill.

AN ACT ADDING MEMBERS TO THE JOINT ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION ON WORKER MISCLASSIFICATION.

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

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 31-57h of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) There is established a joint enforcement commission on employee misclassification. The commission shall consist of the Labor Commissioner, the Commissioner of Revenue Services, the Insurance Commissioner, the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, the chairperson of the Workers' Compensation Commission, the Attorney General and the Chief State's Attorney, or their designees.

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