



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5319

LCO No. 1308

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Referred to Committee on Planning and Development

Introduced by:
(PD)

**AN ACT INCREASING FINES FOR VIOLATIONS OF MUNICIPAL
BLIGHT ORDINANCES.**

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

1 Section 1. Subparagraph (H)(xv) of subdivision (7) of subsection (c)
2 of section 7-148 of the 2012 supplement to the general statutes is
3 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
4 *October 1, 2012*):

5 (xv) Make and enforce regulations for the prevention and
6 remediation of housing blight, including regulations reducing
7 assessments and authorizing designated agents of the municipality to
8 enter property during reasonable hours for the purpose of remediating
9 blighted conditions, provided such regulations define housing blight,
10 and further provided such regulations shall not authorize such
11 municipality or its designated agents to enter any dwelling house or
12 structure on such property, and including regulations establishing a
13 duty to maintain property and specifying standards to determine if
14 there is neglect; prescribe fines for the violation of such regulations [of
15 not less than ten or more than one hundred dollars for each day that a]
16 as follows: (I) For the period from the first day to the thirtieth day

17 during which such violation exists, one hundred dollars for each day
18 that such violation continues; (II) for the period from the thirty-first
19 day to the sixtieth day during which such violation exists, two
20 hundred fifty dollars for each day that such violation continues; and
21 (III) for the period from the sixty-first day to the day the violation is
22 corrected, five hundred dollars for each day that such violation
23 continues and, if such fines are prescribed, such municipality shall
24 adopt a citation hearing procedure in accordance with section 7-152c;

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2012	7-148(c)(7)(H)(xv)

Statement of Purpose:

To increase the applicable fines for violations of municipal blight ordinances.

[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.]