

CCM 2012 Testimony

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 90% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

S.B.453, "An Act Concerning Certificates of Relief From Barriers Resulting From Conviction of A Crime"

CCM is uncertain about several parts of this bill.

Section 2 of the bill defines "public agency", which includes municipalities. However, CCM has not been able to locate where the phrase is used anywhere in the bill, other than the definition.

CCM surmises that the bill is meant to expand Section 4 (which deals with state agencies) to include any "public agency", rather than just state agencies. For some reason, state agencies are placed on a different level than municipalities. CCM is hard-pressed to understand that rationale for the difference.

Further, we are not certain as to the exact difference between a "Provisional Pardon" and a "Certificate of Relief from Barriers".

CCM urges the Committee amend the bill to ensure that cities and towns, as a governmental entity, have parity with the State re requirements of the law – and this bill..

Thank you.

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