



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 370

January Session, 2013

Substitute House Bill No. 6524

House of Representatives, April 4, 2013

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through REP. DARGAN of the 115th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CODES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE.

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

1 Section 1. Section 29-251 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

3 There shall be within the Department of Construction Services a
4 Codes and Standards Committee whose duty it shall be to work with
5 the State Building Inspector in the enforcement of this part and the
6 State Fire Marshal in the enforcement of part II of this chapter as set
7 forth herein. The committee shall be composed of [~~eighteen~~] twenty-
8 one members, residents of the state, appointed by the Commissioner of
9 Construction Services as follows: (1) Two shall be architects licensed in
10 the state of Connecticut; (2) three shall be professional engineers
11 licensed in the state of Connecticut, two of whom shall practice either
12 structural, mechanical or electrical engineering but in no event shall
13 both of such members represent the same specialty, and one of whom

14 shall be a practicing fire protection engineer or mechanical engineer
 15 with extensive experience in fire protection; (3) two shall be builders or
 16 superintendents of construction, one of whom shall have expertise in
 17 residential construction and one of whom shall have expertise in
 18 nonresidential construction; (4) one shall be a public health official; (5)
 19 two shall be building officials; (6) two shall be local fire marshals; (7)
 20 one shall be a Connecticut member of a national building trades labor
 21 organization; (8) one shall have expertise in matters relating to energy
 22 efficiency; [and] (9) four shall be public members, one of whom shall
 23 have expertise in matters relating to accessibility and use of facilities
 24 by the physically disabled and who shall be selected from a list of
 25 names submitted by the Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons
 26 with Disabilities; (10) one shall be a contractor licensed to perform
 27 electrical work or a member of a state-wide electrical trades labor
 28 organization; (11) one shall be a contractor licensed to perform
 29 plumbing and piping work or a member of a state-wide plumbing
 30 trades labor organization; and (12) one shall be a contractor licensed to
 31 perform heating, piping and cooling work or a member of a state-wide
 32 heating and cooling trades labor organization. Each member, other
 33 than the public members, shall have had not less than ten years'
 34 practical experience in such member's profession or business. The
 35 committee shall adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of
 36 chapter 54 governing the procedure of the committee. Members who
 37 fail to attend three consecutive meetings or fifty per cent of all
 38 meetings during a calendar year shall be deemed to have resigned. The
 39 committee may, within the limits of appropriations provided therefor,
 40 employ such assistants as may be necessary to conduct its business.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2013	29-251

PS *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 14 \$	FY 15 \$
Construction Services, Dept.	GF - Cost	Minimal	Minimal

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

Expanding the membership of the Codes and Standards Committee by three people is expected to result in a minimal cost (less than \$300) to the Department of Construction Services for travel expenses related to attending committee meetings.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 6524****AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CODES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE.****SUMMARY:**

This bill expands the Codes and Standards Committee membership, from 18 to 21, by adding three contractors licensed in the following areas or a member of each contractor's statewide trades labor organization:

1. electrical work;
2. plumbing and piping work; and
3. heating, piping, and cooling work.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

BACKGROUND***Codes and Standards Committee***

This committee works with the state building inspector and state fire marshal to enforce the state building and fire safety and fire prevention codes (CGS § 29-251). Each committee member, other than the public members, must have at least 10 years practical experience in his or her profession or business. Table 1 shows the current committee members.

Table 1: Codes and Standards Committee Members

<i>Occupations/Professions Represented</i>	<i>Number of Members</i>
State-licensed architects	2
State-licensed professional engineers	3 (two must practice either structural, mechanical, or electrical engineering and one must practice fire protection or mechanical engineering with experience in fire protection)

Builder or construction superintendent	2 (one must have expertise in residential construction and one in nonresidential construction)
Public health official	1
Local building official	2
Local fire marshal	2
Connecticut member of national building trades labor organization member	1
Expert in energy efficiency matters	1
Public member	4 (one with expertise in building accessibility and use of facilities by people with physical disabilities)

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 24 Nay 0 (03/21/2013)