



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6235

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**AN ACT CREATING A STATE-WIDE TASK FORCE TO ADDRESS
BLIGHT AND CONCERNING NOTICE OF FINES, PENALTIES, COSTS
OR FEES FOR CITATIONS ISSUED UNDER MUNICIPAL
ORDINANCES.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to examine procedural problems with addressing blight at the
3 municipal level. Such task force shall create model blight ordinances
4 for municipalities to use as a guide and shall propose legislative
5 solutions to allow municipalities to more effectively address blight in
6 their communities.

7 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

8 (1) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
9 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
10 relating to planning and development, or their designees;

11 (2) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
12 one of whom shall represent residential tenants;

13 (3) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one
14 of whom shall represent residential landlords;

15 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of

16 Representatives, who shall represent the Connecticut Conference of
17 Municipalities;

18 (5) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall
19 represent the International Council of Shopping Centers;

20 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
21 Representatives, who shall represent the Connecticut Business and
22 Industry Association;

23 (7) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall
24 represent the Connecticut Council of Small Towns;

25 (8) One appointed by the chairpersons of the joint standing
26 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
27 relating to planning and development, who shall be a member of the
28 General Assembly who represents a municipality with a population of
29 at least one hundred thousand;

30 (9) The Chief State's Attorney, or his or her designee; and

31 (10) The president and chief executive officer of Connecticut Main
32 Street Center, or his or her designee.

33 (c) Any member of the task force designated or appointed under
34 subdivision (1), (2) or (3) of subsection (b) of this section may be a
35 member of the General Assembly.

36 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
37 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
38 filled by the appointing authority.

39 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
40 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force
41 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall
42 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not
43 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

44 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
45 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to planning
46 and development shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

47 (g) Not later than February 5, 2014, the task force shall submit a
48 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
49 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
50 relating to planning and development, in accordance with the
51 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall
52 terminate on the date that it submits such report or February 5, 2014,
53 whichever is later.

54 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 7-152c of the general statutes is
55 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
56 *October 1, 2013*):

57 (c) Any such municipality, at any time within twelve months from
58 the expiration of the final period for the uncontested payment of fines,
59 penalties, costs or fees for any citation issued under any ordinance
60 adopted pursuant to section 7-148 or section 22a-226d, for an alleged
61 violation thereof, shall send notice to the person cited. Such notice
62 shall inform the person cited: (1) Of the allegations against him and the
63 amount of the fines, penalties, costs or fees due; (2) that he may contest
64 his liability before a citation hearing officer by delivering in person or
65 by mail written notice within ten days of the date thereof; (3) that if he
66 does not demand such a hearing, an assessment and judgment shall be
67 entered against him; and (4) that such judgment may issue without
68 further notice. For purposes of this section, notice shall be presumed to
69 have been properly sent if such notice was mailed to such person's
70 last-known address on file with the tax collector. If the person to
71 whom such notice is issued is a registrant, the municipality may
72 deliver such notice in accordance with section 7-148ii, provided
73 nothing in this section shall preclude a municipality from providing
74 notice in another manner permitted by applicable law.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	7-152c(c)

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