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House Bill No. 5921
As Amended by House Amendment
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
May 27, 2015

AN ACT REQUIRING THE DISPLAY OF HOUSE NUMBERS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2016*) (a) On and after January
2 1, 2016, the owner of a residential dwelling shall affix at least one set of
3 numerals to the dwelling indicating the street number assigned to the
4 dwelling by the municipality or, if there is no record of such
5 assignment, the street number customarily used for the dwelling.

6 (b) The location, type and size of the numerals used to indicate the
7 street number of the dwelling shall be sufficient to ensure their
8 legibility when the dwelling is viewed from the centerline of the street
9 to which such numerals relate. Such numerals shall be:

10 (1) Located on the exterior front of the dwelling or on a post, sign,
11 mailbox or other device located between the dwelling and the street,
12 provided if a dwelling is set back more than one hundred feet from the
13 centerline of the street to which such numerals relate or if such
14 numerals would not be legible from such centerline because of an
15 obstruction, such numerals shall be located on a post, sign, mailbox or

16 other device located within ten feet of the driveway entrance to the
17 dwelling;

18 (2) At least three inches in height;

19 (3) Of a color contrasting with the color of the background material
20 to which such numerals are affixed; and

21 (4) Positioned not less than four feet or more than twelve feet above
22 the surface of the ground.

23 (c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to an owner of a
24 residential dwelling (1) located in a municipality that has adopted an
25 ordinance requiring the display of street numbers on residential
26 dwellings pursuant to section 7-148 of the general statutes, (2) located
27 within a historic district established pursuant to section 7-147b of the
28 general statutes, or (3) with a mailbox located directly across the street
29 from the dwelling, provided such mailbox indicates the street number
30 of the dwelling.

31 (d) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall, for a
32 first offense, be issued a written warning for such violation and, for
33 any subsequent offense, shall have committed an infraction.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	January 1, 2016	New section

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 16 \$	FY 17 \$
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	None	Less than 1,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a revenue gain of less than \$1,000 per year beginning in FY 17. There is no anticipated revenue in FY 16 as the effective date is January 1, 2016 and first time offenders will be issued a written warning.

House "A" strikes the language of the underlying bill and replaces it with language that results in the fiscal impact described above.

The Out Years

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

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5921 (as amended by House "A")******AN ACT REQUIRING THE DISPLAY OF HOUSE NUMBERS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill, with some exceptions, requires the owner of a residential building to display the building's street number on the exterior front of the dwelling or on a post, sign, mailbox, or other device located between the dwelling and the street. If a building is set back more than 100 feet from the center of the street to which the numbers relate, or if the numbers would not be legible from the street center because of an obstruction, the owner must place the numbers on a post, sign, mailbox, or other device located within 10 feet of the building's driveway entrance.

Under the bill, the street number is the number the town assigns to the building or, if there is no record of assignment, the street number customarily used. The location, type, and size of the numbers must be sufficient to ensure that they are legible from the center of the street to which the numbers relate. The numbers must be at least three inches high, and placed between four and 12 feet above the ground. Their color must contrast with the color of the background material to which they are affixed.

The bill does not apply to the owners of any residential dwelling (1) located in a municipality that has adopted an ordinance requiring the display of street numbers on residential dwellings, (2) located within a historic district established under law, or (3) with a mailbox located directly across the street from the dwelling indicating the street number of the dwelling.

A first-time violator is subject to a written warning; a subsequent violation is an infraction.

*House Amendment "A" adds the exemptions; changes the effective date from October 1, 2015 to January 1, 2016; eliminates the additional numbers for setback homes; allows other homeowners to affix the numbers to a post, sign, mailbox, or similar device; adds the warning for a first offense; and requires the numbers to be legible when the building is viewed from the center of the street to which the numbers relate, instead of the center of the street the dwelling faces.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2016

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 17 Nay 8 (03/12/2015)