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Referred to Committee on GENERAL LAW

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT CONCERNING INSURANCE AND TESTING REQUIREMENTS
FOR HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTORS.**

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

1 That the general statutes be amended to require: (1) Each person
2 seeking registration as a home improvement contractor to provide the
3 Department of Consumer Protection with proof of liability insurance
4 in an amount not less than one million dollars, (2) each municipal
5 building department to require proof of such liability insurance at the
6 time a home improvement contractor submits a building permit
7 application, (3) the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to increase
8 the home improvement contractor registration fee in an amount
9 sufficient to (A) increase the home improvement guaranty fund
10 balance to thirty thousand dollars, and (B) to pay for the development
11 and administration of a written home improvement contractor
12 examination, (4) persons seeking a new or renewal registration as a
13 home improvement contractor to pass an open-book written
14 examination approved by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection,
15 and (5) an exemption from the testing requirement for any

16 tradesperson subject to licensing by the Department of Consumer
17 Protection, any home improvement contractor who has been registered
18 in this state for at least five years and any home improvement
19 contractor who has gross annual receipts of thirty thousand dollars or
20 less.

Statement of Purpose:

To protect consumers by requiring home improvement contractors to obtain liability insurance coverage and pass a written examination.