



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5785

January Session, 2015



**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 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2016*) (a) Each person who
2 applies for or seeks to renew a certificate of registration as a home
3 improvement contractor pursuant to chapter 400 of the general statutes
4 shall provide evidence of liability insurance coverage in an amount not
5 less than one million dollars to: (1) The Commissioner of Consumer
6 Protection or the commissioner's designee, and (2) the municipal
7 building department in each municipality where such person submits
8 building permit applications.

9 (b) Each person who applies for or seeks to renew a certificate of
10 registration as a home improvement contractor pursuant to chapter
11 400 of the general statutes shall provide evidence that such person has
12 passed: (1) An open-book written examination approved by the
13 Commissioner of Consumer Protection and based on written material
14 published and distributed at no charge to the public by the
15 Department of Consumer Protection, or (2) a course of study from a
16 program or school approved by the Commissioner of Consumer
17 Protection.

18 (c) The provisions of subsection (b) of this section shall not apply to:
19 (1) Any home improvement contractor who has continuously held a
20 valid registration in this state for the five years prior to the date of such

21 application or renewal, or (2) any registered home improvement
22 contractor who has gross annual receipts of not more than thirty
23 thousand dollars.

24 Sec. 2. (Effective January 1, 2016) (a) The Commissioner of Consumer
25 Protection shall conduct a study regarding enforcement and complaint
26 procedures relating to home improvement contractors registered
27 pursuant to chapter 400 of the general statutes.

28 (b) The study conducted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section
29 shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) An analysis of whether the
30 current complaint form and procedures utilized by the Department of
31 Consumer Protection regarding home improvement contractors are
32 adequate and what specific changes may be made to improve such
33 complaint form and department procedures, and (2)
34 recommendations, if any, regarding the open-book written
35 examination and course of study requirements specified in subsection
36 (b) of section 1 of this act.

37 (c) Not later than July 1, 2016, the Commissioner of Consumer
38 Protection, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes,
39 shall report the results of the study conducted pursuant to this section
40 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
41 cognizance of matters relating to consumer protection and
42 occupational licensing.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	January 1, 2016	New section
Sec. 2	January 1, 2016	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1(a), the word "coverage" was added with respect to "evidence of liability insurance" for accuracy and statutory consistency.

GL Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO