

**Proposed Substitute
Bill No. 6864**

LCO No. 4947

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISIONS OF THE STANDARD FIRE
POLICY FORM.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 38a-308 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

3 (a) (1) No policy or contract of fire insurance shall be made, issued
4 or delivered by any admitted or nonadmitted insurer or any agent or
5 representative thereof, on any property in this state, unless it conforms
6 as to all provisions, stipulations, agreements and conditions with the
7 form of policy set forth in section 38a-307, except that a policy or
8 contract of fire insurance for a commercial property made, issued,
9 renewed or delivered by a nonadmitted insurer or any agent or
10 representative thereof may define "depreciation" differently than as set
11 forth in section 38a-307.

12 (2) There shall be printed at the head of such policy the name of the
13 insurer or insurers issuing the policy, the location of the home office
14 thereof, a statement showing whether such insurer or insurers are
15 stock or mutual corporations or are reciprocal insurers or Lloyd's
16 underwriter, provided any company organized under special charter
17 provisions may so indicate upon its policy and may add a statement of
18 the plan under which it operates in this state, and there may be added

19 thereon such device or devices as the insurer or insurers issuing such
20 policy desire. Such policy shall be clearly designated on the back of the
21 form as "The Standard Fire Insurance Policy of the State of
22 Connecticut"; and this designation may include the names of such
23 other states as have adopted this standard form.

24 (3) The standard fire insurance policy provided for in section 38a-
25 307 need not be used for effecting reinsurance between insurers. If the
26 policy is issued by a mutual, cooperative or reciprocal insurer having
27 special regulations with respect to the payment by the policyholder of
28 assessments, such regulations shall be printed upon the policy and any
29 such insurer may print upon the policy such regulations as are
30 appropriate to or required by its form of organization. Insurers issuing
31 the standard fire insurance policy pursuant to section 38a-307 are
32 authorized to affix thereto or include therein a written statement that
33 the policy does not cover loss or damage caused by nuclear reaction or
34 nuclear radiation or radioactive contamination, all whether directly or
35 indirectly resulting from an insured peril under such policy; provided
36 nothing herein contained shall be construed to prohibit the attachment
37 to any such policy of an endorsement or endorsements specifically
38 assuming coverage for loss or damage caused by nuclear reaction or
39 nuclear radiation or radioactive contamination.

40 (b) Any policy or contract that includes, either on an unspecified
41 basis as to coverage or for an indivisible premium, coverage against
42 the peril of fire and substantial coverage against other perils need not
43 comply with the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, provided:
44 (1) Such policy or contract shall afford coverage, with respect to the
45 peril of fire, not less than the substantial equivalent of the coverage
46 afforded by said standard fire insurance policy; (2) except as provided
47 under subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section for a policy or
48 contract of fire insurance for a commercial property made, issued,
49 renewed or delivered by a [surplus lines] nonadmitted insurer or any
50 agent or representative thereof, the following provisions in said
51 standard fire insurance policy are incorporated therein without
52 change: (A) Mortgagee interests and obligations, (B) the definitions of

53 actual cash value and depreciation, (C) the time period for when a loss
54 is payable after proof of loss, and (D) the time period for when a suit or
55 action for the recovery of a claim may be commenced; (3) such policy
56 or contract is complete as to all of its terms without reference to any
57 other document; and (4) the commissioner is satisfied that such policy
58 or contract complies with the provisions hereof. The provisions of this
59 subsection shall apply to any such policy or contract issued or renewed
60 on or after July 1, 2014.

61 (c) No umpire selected pursuant to the appraisal provision of the
62 policy or contract shall require or enter into any agreement or contract
63 that directs the payment of such umpire's expenses to be made directly
64 from any award, unless a policyholder requests in writing such
65 agreement or contract.

66 ~~[(c)]~~ (d) None of the provisions of this section shall apply to policies
67 of automobile or aircraft physical damage insurance or to policies of
68 inland marine insurance.

69 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) The provisions of section 38a-346 shall apply in the event of
70 cancellation of a policy issued pursuant to this chapter.

71 ~~[(e)]~~ (f) Any policies made, issued, renewed or delivered through a
72 fire, liability and allied lines underwriting facility established by the
73 Insurance Commissioner pursuant to section 38a-328 shall not be
74 subject to the cancellation of policy provisions or notice of cancellation
75 requirements of section 38a-307, provided such policies comply with
76 any regulation adopted by the Insurance Commissioner pursuant to
77 subsection (a) of section 38a-328.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2015	38a-308