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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5785

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

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2016*) (a) The Commissioner of
4 Consumer Protection shall not issue a certificate of registration as a
5 home improvement contractor pursuant to chapter 400 of the general
6 statutes to any person unless such person has affirmatively indicated,
7 on a form provided by the commissioner, that such person has and
8 will maintain, during the time such certificate of registration is valid:
9 (1) Liability insurance coverage in an amount not less than five
10 hundred thousand dollars, if such person had a gross annual income of
11 thirty thousand dollars or more derived from providing home
12 improvement services in the past calendar year, or (2) liability

13 insurance coverage in an amount not less than one hundred thousand
14 dollars, if such person had a gross annual income of less than thirty
15 thousand dollars derived from providing home improvement services
16 in the past calendar year.

17 (b) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection or the
18 commissioner's designee shall make available at no charge to each
19 person who applies for or seeks to renew a certificate of registration as
20 a home improvement contractor pursuant to chapter 400 of the general
21 statutes certain written material published by the Department of
22 Consumer Protection. Such written material may be made available on
23 said department's Internet web site and shall include, but need not be
24 limited to: (1) An explanation of registration and renewal requirements
25 for home improvement contractors in this state; (2) Connecticut Home
26 Improvement Act requirements; (3) a summary of the Home
27 Improvement Guaranty and the Consumer Protection Enforcement
28 funds; and (4) a summary of other relevant laws relating to home
29 improvement contractors.

30 (c) Each person who applies for or seeks to renew a certificate of
31 registration as a home improvement contractor pursuant to chapter
32 400 of the general statutes shall sign a statement indicating he or she
33 will review the written material made available pursuant to subsection
34 (b) of this section.

35 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of the general statutes, the
36 Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall not be required to
37 investigate whether a home improvement contractor has or has
38 maintained liability insurance coverage unless a complaint is filed with
39 said commissioner alleging that an individual home improvement
40 contractor does not have or has not maintained such insurance
41 coverage.

42 Sec. 2. (*Effective January 1, 2016*) (a) The Commissioner of Consumer
43 Protection shall conduct a study regarding enforcement and complaint
44 procedures relating to home improvement contractors registered

45 pursuant to chapter 400 of the general statutes.

46 (b) The study conducted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section
47 shall include, but need not be limited to, an analysis of whether the
48 current complaint form, department procedures and enforcement
49 efforts utilized by the Department of Consumer Protection regarding
50 home improvement contractors are adequate and what specific
51 changes may be made to improve such complaint form, department
52 procedures and enforcement efforts.

53 (c) Not later than July 1, 2016, the Commissioner of Consumer
54 Protection, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes,
55 shall report the results of the study conducted pursuant to this section
56 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
57 cognizance of matters relating to consumer protection and
58 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