



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5342

LCO No. 1438



Referred to Committee on HOUSING

Introduced by:
(HSG)

AN ACT CONCERNING APPEALS TO FAIR HOUSING PROCEDURES.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (f) of section 46a-82 of the 2016 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

4 (f) Any complaint filed pursuant to this section must be filed within
5 one hundred and eighty days after the alleged act of discrimination,
6 except that any complaint by a person claiming to be aggrieved by a
7 violation of subsection (a) of section 46a-80 must be filed within thirty
8 days of the alleged act of discrimination. A complainant, other than the
9 commissioner, shall not be permitted to file more than one complaint
10 for each discriminatory housing practice or set of related
11 discriminatory housing practices under sections 46a-64c and 46a-81e.

12 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 46a-86 of the 2016 supplement to the
13 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
14 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

15 (c) In addition to any other action taken under this section, upon a
16 finding of a discriminatory practice prohibited by section 46a-58, 46a-
17 59, 46a-64, 46a-64c, 46a-81b, 46a-81d or 46a-81e, the presiding officer
18 shall determine the damage suffered by the complainant, which
19 damage shall include, but not be limited to, the expense incurred by
20 the complainant for obtaining alternate housing or space, storage of
21 goods and effects, moving costs and other costs actually incurred by
22 the complainant as a result of such discriminatory practice and shall
23 allow reasonable attorney's fees and costs. The amount of attorney's
24 fees allowed shall not be contingent upon the amount of damages
25 requested by or awarded to the complainant. Damages for
26 discriminatory housing practices under sections 46a-64c and 46a-81e
27 shall not be punitive in nature, and therefore shall not exceed actual
28 economic loss suffered by the complainant.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	46a-82(f)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	46a-86(c)

Statement of Purpose:

To provide defendants with equal protections in the housing discrimination complaint process.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]