

Judiciary Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-467

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CUSTODY AND CONTROL OF A DECEDENT'S
Title: BODY.

Vote Date: 4/2/2018

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

PH Date: 3/14/2018

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Judiciary

REASONS FOR BILL:

Funeral Directors are increasingly faced with estranged families and difficult situations. The proposed changes would provide certainty and protection to funeral directors who rely in good faith on the representations being made to them by those persons holding disposition rights.

SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE:

No funeral director or embalmer who relies upon the instructions of a person claiming the final rights of dispositions. Shall be subject to a criminal liability or disciplinary action. However the substitute language does not prevent civil liability.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Connecticut Funeral Directors Association, Inc; Supports this bill. Often an elderly consumer will visit the funeral home to make their final arrangements and select the type of service and merchandise they wish to include when they pass away. This person will sign and pre- pay. However, the surviving family members will disregard the pre-paid wishes.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Capital Consulting, LLC, Michael S. Dugan Supports this bill. Connecticut Funeral Directors Association, also have situations pertaining to consumer last wishes being disregarded by surviving family members.

Peter T. Szymonik ; Supports this bill. The wishes of a decedent must take priority above all else in this our state laws.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None

Reported by: Freda Seritella Date: 4/11/18