Bill No.: HB-6588
Title: AN ACT PROHIBITING THE ISSUANCE OF PARKING CITATIONS BY PRIVATE COMMERCIAL PROPERTY OWNERS.
Vote Date: 3/20/2019
Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute
PH Date: 2/13/2019

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SPONSORS OF BILL:
Rep. Devlin
Rep. Kupchick
Sen. Hwang
Rep. McCarthy-Vahey

REASONS FOR BILL:
This bill would allow an exemption for private high schools, colleges, and universities from the law prohibiting private property owners from issuing parking tickets. This is to correct action done last year that took this ability away from the private education institutions.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:
None Expressed

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:
Michael Kaseloukas, Chief of Public Safety, University of Hartford: Testified in support of allowing private colleges and universities to be able to issue parking tickets as means to support the safety of the students, faculty, staff, and guests to the facilities due to their size and the number of people who are on the premises’ each day.

Gary MacNamara, Executive Director of Public Safety, Sacred Heart University: Mr. MacNamara testified that the size of the colleges and universities make them operate more like a small town and therefore they are in support of being able to issue parking tickets to better uphold their safety procedures.
George Marshall, Assistant Director of Campus Safety, Trinity College: Testified in support of allowing the school to keep their campus safe to the best of their abilities by being able to issue parking tickets.

Derek Puorro, Chairman of Public Safety Council, AFSCME: They support this bill’s goal of keeping the authority of issuing parking tickets to the public and not in the hands of private owners.

Ronald Quagliani, Vice-President, University of New Haven: They testified in support because “it is necessary to strictly enforce parking regulations and not having the ability to issue tickets, when necessary, has compromised the program and caused a rise in non-compliance.”

Jennifer Widness, President, CT Conference of Independent Colleges: Testified in favor because it is important to be able to issue parking tickets to help ensure order and safety on the campuses.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Raphael Podolsky, Public Policy Advocate, Connecticut Legal Services: Was opposed to the idea that this would give residential landlords or other residential properties the ability to issue parking tickets.

Reported by: Brittney Hedges Date: March 26, 2019