

## Planning and Development Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** SB-140

AN ACT EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY FOR TAX RELIEF FOR CERTAIN ELDERLY

**Title:** HOMEOWNERS.

**Vote Date:** 3/25/2019

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable

**PH Date:** 2/13/2019

**File No.:**

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### **SPONSORS OF BILL:**

#### **Introduced by:**

Planning and Development Committee

#### **Co-sponsors of SB-140**

Sen. Leonard A. Fasano, 34th Dist.

Rep. Devin R. Carney, 23rd Dist.

Rep. David Michel, 146th Dist.

Rep. John H. Frey, 111th Dist.

### **REASONS FOR BILL:**

This bill seeks to create a tax relief for owners or tenants of certain real property over sixty-five years of age or the widowed spouses of individuals who would meet the requisites at the time of passing. The reasoning of the bill is to provide relief to Connecticut elderly homeowners who have maintained property in Connecticut for several years and are less likely to be able to maintain with the same costs of the properties as time passes.

### **RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:**

NO RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY EXPRESSED

### **NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

NO SOURCES OF SUPPORT EXPRESSED

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

**Donna Hamzy Carroccia, Advocacy Manager of Connecticut Conference of Municipalities**

While the Connecticut Council of Municipalities sees the bill as well intentioned, it brought forth the concerns of any financial strain that these tax reliefs would cause in regards to municipalities. CCM argues that property tax is one of the main methods for revenue for municipalities, and if one of the streams of income are lessened, it will create either a need for higher local property taxes for non-exempt members, or lessening of crucial services within municipalities.

**Reported by: Camilo Lemos**

**Date: 3/30/19**