

Planning and Development Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-514

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ASSESSMENT OF CERTAIN FEES BY BUILDING

Title: OFFICIALS.

Vote Date: 3/15/2019

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 3/6/2019

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Introduced by:

Planning and Development Committee

Co-sponsors:

Sen. Martin M. Looney, 11th Dist.

Rep. Alphonse Paolillo, 97th Dist.

REASONS FOR BILL:

Senate Bill 514 would allow local building officials to assess a fee for any work begun on buildings or structures or electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing systems without first obtaining the appropriate permit. Under current law there is no penalty for commencing work prior to receiving the permit, and according to Senator Looney's local building official contacts there are numerous instances of work being performed without a permit which could pose a variety of safety violations. The possibility of facing a fee is intended to increase compliance with both state and municipal building codes.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Senator Martin M. Looney

Eleventh District | President Pro Tempore

He wrote a brief overview of the need for the bill (see Reasons for Bill above) and urged its passage, calling it important legislation.

The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM)

They write that the “bill provides building officials with an enforcement tool that will ensure that permits are obtained before work is performed on any building.” They also support this enforcement tool as a matter of public safety.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed.

Reported by: Edward Waters

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