OLR Bill Analysis
HB 5127

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ERECTION OF FENCES AND THE PLANTING OF HEDGES AND TREES THAT OBSTRUCT WATER VIEWS.

SUMMARY

This bill expands municipalities’ general powers by authorizing them to regulate the erection of fences and the planting of hedges and trees that obstruct neighbors’ views of waterways or tidal water. Under the bill, municipalities may regulate such construction or planting regardless of whether it is conducted by the property owner or an occupant.

Municipalities may exercise their general powers by adopting regulations and ordinances that may be enforced through fines of up to $250, unless the law specifies otherwise (CGS § 7-148(c)(10)(A)).

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2020

COMMITTEE ACTION
Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable
Yea 22 Nay 0  (03/15/2019)