Public Health Committee
JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-47
Title: AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF GOODS AND USE OF BUILDING MATERIALS CONTAINING ASBESTOS.
Vote Date: 3/8/2019
Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute
PH Date: 2/11/2019

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SPONSORS OF BILL:
Public Health Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:
To expand the prohibition of asbestos products. Current law prohibits introducing into commerce any item that contains asbestos and is a toy or specifically marketed for children. Current law also prohibits items containing asbestos used for building construction or repair, unless the item contains a warning label identifying potential cancer causing asbestos when inhaled.

SB 47 seeks to expand the prohibition of asbestos to include the introduction of any item into commerce if it contains asbestos. It also expands prohibitions of using materials containing asbestos for building construction or repair by subjecting violators to misdemeanor criminal penalties and civil penalties. The bill excludes such prohibitions and penalties when the item is part of the sale of rental or real property.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

External Affairs Division, Connecticut Judicial Branch:
The Judicial Branch does not hold a substantive position on the bill. The Branch only submitted technical changes for the Public Health Committee’s consideration. These changes would allow individuals to be charged separately for each potential offense, and allow for the collection of more accurate data for offenses committed by each individual. The suggested changes read as follows:
(b) (1) A person who violates subsection (a) (1) of this section shall be guilty of a class B misdemeanor; (2) a person who violates subsection (a) (2) of this section shall be guilty of a class B misdemeanor; (3) a violation of subsection (a) of this section committed with the intent to defraud or mislead, or a second or subsequent offense, shall be a class A misdemeanor for which the penalty shall be imprisonment for not more than one year, or a fine of not more than five thousand dollars or both such imprisonment and fine.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

None submitted.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None submitted.

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