General Law Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-1007
Title: AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR AND TECHNICAL CHANGES TO DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION STATUTES.

Vote Date: 3/21/2019
Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute
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File No.: 538

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SPONSORS OF BILL:
General Law Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill would clarify and update Department of Consumer Protection Statutes. Sections 1-3 make changes to the appraisal management statutes. Section 4 provides the necessary due process for real estate licensees' who are convicted of a crime. Not giving due process is unconstitutional and not how other license holders are treated. Section 5 would allow homeowners to do stair lift work in their own homes without an elevator license. Section 6 would clarify statutory requirements of charitable organizations. Section 7 would allow for a $20 fine when an ACH payment for a permit or license is returned uncollectible. Section 8 there would be consistency with federal law regarding the definition of “potentially hazardous food.”

Substitute Language

Section 2 Subsection (a) of section 20-529b of the general statutes is repealed and substituted.
Section 3 Subsection (a) of section 20-529c of the general statutes is repealed and substituted.
Section 4 Section 20-323 of general statutes is repealed and substituted
Section 5 Section 21a-190d of general statutes is repealed and substituted.
Section 6 Subdivision (b) of section 21A-4 of the general statutes and substituted.
Section 7 Subdivision 8of section 21A-62b of the general statutes of substituted.
RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:
Seagull, Michele, Commissioner, Department of Consumer Protection
This bill will update and clarify some of the DCP statutes.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:
None Expressed

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Bullock, Clifford, President/Owner, Bullock Access Accessibility Products and Services
Proper installation is necessary for safety. Improper installation can result in significant or fatal injury. Many internet companies do not install and they are not interested in customer safety. DCP created licenses for installation of these lifts to keep citizens safe, there are safety issues by changing this law.

Clayton, Dale M., Esq., Polivy, Lowry and Clayton, LLC
Being a public member of the Elevator Installation, Repair and Maintenance Work Examining Board for the State of Connecticut, I am considered a layperson. I do know that these stair lifts are used by our most vulnerable at-risk residents. Without proper installation, it could cause serious injury or death.

DeRose, John, Chairman, Elevator Installation, Repair and Maintenance Work Examining Board for the State of Connecticut
Elevator construction is highly regulated by the State of Connecticut to enhance public safety and health. Residential stair lifts are not appliances but sophisticated Vertical Transportation Conveyance Systems. Installers are and should be well trained. This bill would remove the minimum license requirements of installers and could put in danger safety, health and welfare of any person using the lift.

Farnsworth, Paul, Unlimited Elevator Contractor, Contractor Member of Elevator, Installation, Repair and Maintenance Work Examining Board for the State of Connecticut
The minimum standards for those who perform “elevator work” must meet certain standards; these standards have been developed over many decades. Homeowners who may perform this work are not qualified and therefore put themselves and others at risk. By voting for SB1007, it will put people at risk.

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