

General Law Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-5294

AN ACT CONCERNING AUTO GLASS EMERGENCY TEMPORARY

Title: TECHNICIANS.

Vote Date: 3/10/2020

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 3/3/2020

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

The General Law Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

To establish an auto glass temporary license to allow auto glass companies doing business in the state to perform auto glass work in the event of a state disaster or emergency.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Safelite Group: Safelite group was in support of HB 5294 because it allows for highly qualified auto glass technicians (who meet or exceed Connecticut's licensure requirements) for a temporary period of time to help handle large backlogs of auto glass repair claims in the event of a storm or emergency. Additionally, Safelite Group supports this bill because ultimately, the goal of this bill is to put Connecticut in the same position as the 49 other states that allow, and offer the consumer fast and reliable service.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

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Automotive Glasswork and Flat Glass Board : This agency is opposed to HB 5294 because appears to place profit over the safety of Connecticut drivers. In the event of an emergency, the Board will be willing to work with The Governor, the Department of Consumer Protection, and Connecticut's Ag-1 Contractors to temporarily lift some or all of the rules. By

passing HB 5294, the General Assembly will set a negative precedent as no other Department of Consumer Protection Trade has an automatic 14-day lift as a law for outside technicians to come into our state.

Jessica Olander; Executive Director The Connecticut Glass Dealers Association:

Jessica Olander and The Connecticut Glass Dealers Association (CGDA) opposes HB 5294 because The Governor currently has the ability to lift any trade license requirements in a State of Emergency. By passing HB5294, the General Assembly will be setting a negative precedent. No other Trade under DCP has an automatic 14-day lift on the law for out of state technicians to work in our State. Jessica Olander also opposes HB 5294 because Advanced Drive Assist Systems (ADAS) need to be calibrated before and after the installation of a windshield. By allowing unlicensed glass technicians to automatically come into the state after an emergency puts profits over consumer safety

Reported by: Jeff Lucas

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