

# Banking Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** HB-5027

AN ACT REQUIRING THE BANKING COMMISSIONER TO ESTABLISH A FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER SAVINGS ACCOUNT PROGRAM AND ESTABLISHING A TAX DEDUCTION FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO FIRST-TIME

**Title:** HOMEBUYER SAVINGS ACCOUNTS.

**Vote Date:** 2/23/2021

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable Substitute

**PH Date:** 2/18/2021

**File No.:** 66

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## **SPONSORS OF BILL:**

Banking Committee

Representative Tom Delnicki, 14<sup>th</sup> Dist.

Representative Gary A. Turco, 27<sup>th</sup> Dist.

Representative Travis Simms, 140<sup>th</sup> Dist.

## **REASONS FOR BILL:**

To amend the general statutes to now require the Banking Commissioner to establish a first-time homebuyer savings account program that will encourage residents of Connecticut to save for and buy their first home in this state. It would also establish an income tax deduction for contributions made to a first-time homebuyer savings account by the account holder. (would need dialogue between DOB and DRS regarding the forms and tax deduction)

## **RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:**

None Expressed

## **NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

**Betsy Gara, Executive Director, Connecticut Council of Small Towns:** Ms. Gara expressed her support of the bill, stating that promoting homeownership opportunities by assisting individuals in saving for a down payment should be an important part of the state's efforts to promote greater housing opportunities for all individuals in the communities.

**Connecticut REALTORS**: The company wrote in support of the bill as it will help individuals and families begin to create generational wealth in Connecticut by moving them closer to homeownership. They support this bill because they work first hand with buyers, sellers, landlords, and tenants and they see the effects this will have on the economy.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

None Expressed

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