

General Law Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-268

Title: AN ACT CONCERNING OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING.

Vote Date: 3/9/2021

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

General Law Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill would allow the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to adopt regulations with provisions of chapter 54 of general statutes. It would allow DCP to adopt regulations concerning occupational licensing.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None Expressed

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Connecticut Alarm Systems Integrators Association

CASIA supports this important legislation with amendments. Important changes are needed to allow DCP to adopt regulations concerning occupational licensing. CASIA would also like language on advertisement for television and radio format have a more consumer-friendly format. This would include amending, among other applicable statutes and regulations, CGS Section 20-427 (a) (3). CASIA does support requirements that alarm companies be licensed in this state, as well as strong consumer protection.

Christopher Fryxell, President, Associated Builders and Contractors, CT chapter

ABC Connecticut supports this bill with amendment. Respectfully asking that language be included to change the apprenticeship to journeyman hiring ratio to a 1:1 ratio for all construction trades out of fairness and to stimulate workforce development and economic growth. The current ratio serves as the sole obstacle preventing individuals eager to work in construction from being hired by contractors who want to employ and train them. Making a hiring ratio of 1:1 would have a significant impact on employment. Please consider amending the hiring ratio.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Allie French, Independent Electrical Contractors of New England, Inc.

The IEC feels this bill is wide-ranging and does not have a clear goal. The focus should be on the need for legislature to make changes to the statutes, etc. to allow for meaningful employment opportunities. Until the intent of SB268 is clarified, IEC cannot support or oppose this legislation.

Kimberly Glassman, Director, Foundation For Fair Contracting of Connecticut, Inc.

Ms. Glassman is not submitting testimony in opposition nor in support for SB268. This bill is very broad, and testimony is being submitted for the record to indicate judgement will be withheld on this proposal until the intent is understood.

Reported by: Bonnie Gray, Asst. Clerk

Date: 03/10/2021