

**Public Safety and Security Committee
JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT**

Bill No.: HB-5192

AN ACT CONCERNING INSTALLERS OF RESIDENTIAL VERTICAL

Title: PLATFORM LIFTS.

Vote Date: 3/8/2022

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Public Safety and Security

REASONS FOR BILL:

The Commissioner of Consumer Protection and the Elevator Installation, Repair and Maintenance Board established regulations such as the amount and type of experience, training, continuing education and examination requirements, for a person to obtain and/or renew a residential stair lift technician's license and a residential vertical platform lift technician's license. The installation of a VPL allows someone to be safely raised or lowered from ground level to the level of the entry doorway. The recommendation is for a Residential Vertical Platform Lift Technician license in CT that would allow a home improvement contractor, with adequate manufacturer's training and this license, to install VPL's.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

NONE

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Robert Danek President, Amramp CT/Eastern NY supports the bill. This VPL technician license recommendation is similar to the Residential Stairlift Technician license that was established in 2016 for very similar reasons (regulations such as the amount and type of experience, training, continuing education and examination requirements). This licensing program has proven to be very successful, making stairlifts more readily available with almost no lead times. There are currently 72 stairlift technician licensees in CT. They hope to establish a similar success with the Residential Vertical Platform Lift Technician license.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

John DeRosa, International Union of Elevator Constructors Local 91 opposes the bill. They stated that if Bill 5192 is passed it would create a Residential Stair Lift Technician's License which already exists in the State of Connecticut. The accessibility equipment is used by the elderly and those facing physical, or mental challenges. They want to continue protecting the needs of those individuals within their community.

David Godbout opposes this bill. He opposes all bills by the General Assembly as he feels his Fourth Amendment Rights are being violated.

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