

Housing Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-6631

Title: AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMMON INTEREST OWNERSHIP ACT.

Vote Date: 3/1/2023

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

PH Date: 2/14/2023

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

The Housing Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

To specify that the provision of a notice required under the Common Interest Ownership Act shall not be deemed to constitute a violation of, or give rise to liability under, certain debt collection statutes.

SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE:

The substitute language made a minor format change to create subdivision (4), which subdivision was also changed to reference Department of Banking regulations related to consumer debt collection practices.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None stated.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Connecticut Legal Services, Attorney and Policy Advocate, Raphael L. Podolsky: Mr. Podolsky supports this bill stating that any notices given by a condominium association to unit owners it is foreclosing a lien do not violate or "give rise to any liability" under the Connecticut Consumer Collection Agency Act. It is stated that while the bill does not clearly indicate how the act applies to this form of collection, it is important that condominium unit owners are not deprived of any protections they presently have in the collection process.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None stated.

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Date: March 9, 2023