AN ACT CONCERNING HOUSING PROTECTIONS FOR VICTIMS OF FAMILY VIOLENCE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2023) (a) As used in this section, "landlord", "tenant", "dwelling unit", "rent" and "rental agreement" have the same meanings as provided in section 47a-1 of the general statutes and "family violence" has the same meaning as provided in section 46b-38a of the general statutes.

(b) No landlord shall (1) maintain an action or proceeding against a tenant to recover possession of a dwelling unit under chapter 832 of the general statutes, (2) demand an increase in rent from a tenant, (3) refuse to renew a rental agreement with a tenant, (4) decrease any services from the landlord regarding the dwelling unit to which a tenant is entitled, or (5) otherwise discriminate against a tenant, solely because such tenant is, or has been, a victim of family violence. In addition to the provisions of this subsection, no landlord shall deem that a tenant has violated the rental agreement if such violation is a result of family violence committed against the tenant.
(c) For purposes of this section, a tenant's status as a victim of family violence may be shown by (1) medical, court or police records documenting such violence, (2) a statement from a domestic violence counselor, as defined in section 52-146k of the general statutes, documenting such violence, or (3) a statement from a licensed medical professional from whom the tenant has sought services documenting such violence.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

| Section 1 | October 1, 2023 | New section |

**Statement of Purpose:**
To prohibit a landlord from taking certain adverse actions against a tenant based on such tenant's family violence victim status.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]