



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 73

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Senate Bill No. 1270

Senate, March 10, 2025

The Committee on Insurance and Real Estate reported through SEN. CABRERA of the 17th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC ADJUSTERS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 38a-726 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

3 (a) No public adjuster shall charge or collect a fee if, within thirty days
4 of a loss to a structure covered by a fire insurance policy, the insurer
5 offers in writing to pay the full policy limits.

6 (b) Any fee charged to an insured by a public adjuster shall be based
7 only on the amount of the insurance settlement proceeds actually
8 [received by the insured] paid by the insurer on the account of a loss and
9 shall be collected by such public adjuster after the [insured has received
10 such proceeds from the insurer] insurer has paid such settlement
11 proceeds.

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

Section 1	October 1, 2025	38a-726
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INS *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

There is no fiscal impact to the state or municipalities anticipated from the bill, which modifies how public adjusters' fees are determined and collected. The bill conforms statute to current practice.

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 1270*****AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC ADJUSTERS.*****SUMMARY**

This bill modifies the law regarding the fees a public adjuster charges and collects. Specifically, it requires that (1) any fee a public adjuster charges an insured must be based only on the insurance settlement proceeds the insurer paid for a loss and (2) the adjuster must collect the fee after the insurer has paid the settlement proceeds. (A “public adjuster” prepares, documents, and submits a first-party property claim to an insurer and negotiates a claim settlement on behalf of an insured for compensation.)

Under current law, the fee a public adjuster charges an insured must be based only on the insurance settlement proceeds received from the insurer, and the adjuster must collect the fee after the insured receives the proceeds from the insurer.

By law, a public adjuster is prohibited from charging or collecting a fee if, within 30 days after a loss covered by a fire insurance policy, the insurer offers in writing to pay the full policy limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2025

COMMITTEE ACTION

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 13 Nay 0 (02/25/2025)