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**Committee Bill No. 18**

LCO No. 5478



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:  
(PS)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY HOARDING.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force  
2 to study issues concerning hoarding. The task force shall (1) review  
3 current methods used by various public agencies to address hoarding,  
4 (2) identify barriers faced by public agencies to intervene and assist  
5 persons who compulsively hoard, and (3) create a framework to  
6 coordinate the efforts among state and local public agencies to address  
7 the public safety and health issues associated with hoarding.

8 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

9 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
10 one of whom shall be a member of the Connecticut Fire Marshals'  
11 Association and one of whom shall be an attorney with experience  
12 representing municipalities;

13 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one  
14 of whom shall be a member of the Connecticut Police Chiefs  
15 Association and one of whom shall represent the Connecticut

16 Conference of Municipalities;

17 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
18 Representatives, who shall be a representative of the legal aid  
19 assistance programs in the state;

20 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be  
21 a representative of a mental health advocacy center;

22 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
23 Representatives, who shall be a local building inspector;

24 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be  
25 a local animal control officer;

26 (7) Two appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be a  
27 physician with experience in treating persons with compulsive  
28 disorders;

29 (8) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection,  
30 or the commissioner's designee;

31 (9) The Commissioner on Aging, or the commissioner's designee;

32 (10) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's  
33 designee;

34 (11) The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, or  
35 the commissioner's designee;

36 (12) The Chief State's Attorney, or his or her designee;

37 (13) The State Building Inspector, or his or her designee;

38 (14) The State Fire Marshal, or his or her designee;

39 (15) The Chief Animal Control Officer, or his or her designee; and

40 (16) The executive director of the Commission on Aging, or the

41 executive director's designee.

42 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
43 (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) or (7) of subsection (b) of this section may be a  
44 member of the General Assembly.

45 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than  
46 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
47 filled by the appointing authority.

48 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
49 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force  
50 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall  
51 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not  
52 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

53 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
54 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public  
55 safety and security shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

56 (g) Not later than January 1, 2016, the task force shall submit a  
57 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing  
58 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
59 relating to public safety and security, in accordance with the  
60 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall  
61 terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2016,  
62 whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To create a task force to address the issues concerning hoarding.

*[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.]*

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