

Housing Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-355

AN ACT CONCERNING A LANDLORD'S ABILITY TO CONSIDER THE
Title: CRIMINAL RECORD OF PROSPECTIVE TENANTS.

Vote Date: 3/9/2021

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 3/4/2021

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Sen. Martin Looney, District 11

REASONS FOR BILL:

The reason for this bill is to help people with past criminal offenses reenter society by restricting the look back period to five years when a landlord is screening them as a tenant.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

The following support the bill because it reduces homelessness and reduces the stigma around civilians with a criminal record looking for a home

CEO of New Reach Kellyann Day- **Supports** this bill because it will reduce homelessness

Kathy Flaherty-**Supports** this bill because many people with criminal records who are denied housing, become repeat offenders and mental health issues.

Hartford Foundation- **Supports** this bill because denying people with past criminal offenses makes it harder for them to reenter society.

Connecticut Fair Housing Center- **Supports** this bill because some people with criminal records are falsely accused yet still are black listed from getting apartments and homes.

Senator Martin Looney- **Supports** this bill because it makes it easier for people with past criminal offenses to reenter society.

Kelly McConney Moore of ACLU CT- **Supports** this bill because it will reduce the homelessness rate and make it easier for people with a criminal record to reenter society.

Margaret Middleton of Columbus House Inc-**Supports** this bill because it would reduce homelessness

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Senator Rob Sampson- **Opposes** this bill because it could endanger property owners and their other tenants. He also opposes the bill because the state should not be involved in a private contract between a landlord and their tenants.

The following oppose the bill because it could endanger the lives of property owners and their other tenants in the area by preventing them from seeing the criminal history of a possible tenant:

Bill Abo

Riya Abraham

Saji Abraham

Alexander Alicki Jr.

Anthony

Michael Batista

Richard Binns

Ken Burkham

Shahida Chaudhary

Naveen Chintu

Stephen Cornell

Janice Curtiss

Deblina

Trevor Dorian

Richard Dubina

Dora Edgerly

Casey Edwards

Michael Flaherty Jr.

Andres Galeano

B. Glow

David Haberfeld

Debina Hadler

Robert Hinnens

Robert Jackson

Jan Jagush

Judy Januszewski

Lorraine Januszewski

Paul Januszewski

Michael & Nancy Jevits

Chris Johnson

Karl Koch

Peter Kreckovic

Tomas Laferriere

Carol Langeland

Jie Lu
Haiwen Ma
Art Mannion
Marie Matta-Isona
Sonja Murphy
Evon Muschinsky
Mahesh Nimmagadda
Mat O'Grady
Paul Palmer
Ram Patel
Joseph Paulose
Filipe Pereira
Mike Perugini
Charles Peterson
Stever Portera
Lorraine Potvin
Anne-Marie Puelo
Yinghui Qin
B Rahul
Tara Ramlal
Stephen Rejniak
Eric Rogers
Rick & Anne Sadlon
Pam Savejs
Erik Scarpati
Julie Scolastico
Erin Sheehan
Barbara Sullivan
Tedford Real Estate
TN Properties
Rosa Toledo
Helen Tu
Ana Ughetti
Toula Varvitsiotis
Zhibo Wang
Lin Yang
Hanlin Zhang

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