



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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Offered by:

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 266

File No. 14

Cal. No. 50

**"AN ACT CONCERNING NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS, HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTORS, TRADE APPRENTICESHIPS AND LOCKSMITHS."**

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- 1 In line 23, strike "\_\_\_\_" and insert "twenty thousand" in lieu thereof
  - 2 In line 57, strike "all the" and insert "any fee due to" in lieu thereof
  - 3 In line 58, strike "fees due"
  - 4 Strike line 60, and insert the following in lieu thereof:
    - 5 "Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) (a) (1) As used in this section,
    - 6 "contract" has the same meaning as provided in section 20-417a of the
    - 7 general statutes. A contract"
  - 8 In line 61, strike "section 20-417a of the general statutes,"
  - 9 In line 76, strike ", as defined"

- 10 In line 77, strike "in section 20-417a of the general statutes,"
- 11 In line 79, after "regulation" insert "adopted in accordance with the  
12 provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes"
- 13 In line 85, strike ", as defined in section 20-" and insert "." in lieu  
14 thereof
- 15 Strike line 86 in its entirety
- 16 In line 98, strike "three" and insert "two" in lieu thereof
- 17 In line 316, after "work" insert "z" and strike "by" and insert "in" in lieu  
18 thereof
- 19 In line 424, strike " \_\_\_\_ " and insert "twenty thousand" in lieu thereof
- 20 Strike lines 439 and 440 in their entirety and substitute the following  
21 in lieu thereof:
- 22 "shall pay a fee of forty dollars annually. Each contractor (1) who  
23 receives a certificate pursuant to this chapter, or (2) receives a certificate  
24 pursuant to chapter 399a and has opted to engage in home improvement  
25 pursuant to subsection (g) of section 20-417b, as amended by this act,  
26 shall pay a fee of one hundred dollars"
- 27 In line 489, strike the closing bracket
- 28 In line 491, strike ". ["
- 29 In line 668, after "apply" insert "annually"
- 30 In line 688, strike ". A" and insert ", except a" in lieu thereof
- 31 In line 689, strike ", however,"
- 32 Strike section 13 in its entirety, and substitute the following in lieu  
33 thereof:
- 34 "Sec. 13. Subsection (d) of section 51-15 of the general statutes is

35 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
36 *2022*):

37 (d) The procedure for the hearing and determination of small claims  
38 as the same may be prescribed, from time to time, by the judges of the  
39 Superior Court shall be used in all small claims sessions of the court. The  
40 small claims procedure shall only be applicable to (1) all actions [, except  
41 actions of libel and slander,] claiming money damages not in excess of  
42 five thousand dollars, [and to no other actions] except such procedure  
43 shall not be applicable to actions of libel and slander, and (2) actions  
44 claiming loss or damages not in excess of fifteen thousand dollars  
45 sustained by reason of (A) performance of, or offer to perform, home  
46 improvement, as defined in section 20-419, as amended by this act, by a  
47 contractor holding a certificate under chapter 400, (B) a contract for new  
48 home construction with a new home construction contractor holding a  
49 certificate under chapter 399a, or (C) nonpayment, insufficient payment  
50 or untimely payment for home improvement performed by a contractor  
51 holding a certificate under chapter 400 or for new home construction  
52 performed by a new home construction contractor holding a certificate  
53 under chapter 399a. If an action is brought in the small claims session by  
54 a tenant pursuant to subsection (g) of section 47a-21 to reclaim any part  
55 of a security deposit which may be due, the judicial authority hearing  
56 the action may award to the tenant the damages authorized by  
57 subsection (d) of said section and, if authorized by the rental agreement  
58 or any provision of the general statutes, costs, notwithstanding that the  
59 amount of such damages and costs, in the aggregate, exceeds the  
60 jurisdictional monetary limit established by subdivision (1) of this  
61 subsection. If a motion is filed to transfer a small claims matter to the  
62 regular docket in the court, the moving party shall pay the fee  
63 prescribed by section 52-259. The Attorney General or an assistant  
64 attorney general, or the head of any state agency or his or her authorized  
65 representative, while acting in his or her official capacity shall not be  
66 required to pay any small claims court fee. There shall be no charge for  
67 copies of service on defendants in small claims matters."

68 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and

69 internal references accordingly:

70 "Sec. 501. Subsection (c) of section 22-351a of the general statutes is  
71 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
72 *2022*):

73 (c) In addition to any economic damages awarded pursuant to  
74 subsection (b) of this section, and except as provided in subsection (d)  
75 of this section, the court may award punitive damages in an amount not  
76 to exceed the jurisdictional monetary limit established by subdivision  
77 (1) of subsection (d) of section 51-15, as amended by this act, together  
78 with a reasonable attorney's fee."