

General Law Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-6769

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION'S
RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING REAL ESTATE LICENSING AND

Title: ENFORCEMENT.

Vote Date: 3/9/2023

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

PH Date: 2/28/2023

File No.: 230

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

General Law Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill will change Department of Consumer Protection statutes regarding licensing and enforcement. These changes are necessary to address the Department's ability to regulate various industries and implement certain statutory requirements.

Proposed Substitute Language

In order for the Department to implement this bill substitute language was needed to clarify, make language more concise, and make the bill more accurate. There was also a need for consistency with standard drafting conventions.

The changes were made in the following sections:

In Section 1(11), "individual real estate broker who is responsible" was changed to "individual broker responsible" for conciseness;

Section 1(23)(B) was divided into clauses for clarity.

Section 7(a), "broker" was changed to "brokers" for clarity

Section 25, "this section and" was deleted for accuracy

Section 28(a), "to the contrary" was bracketed for consistency with standard drafting convention.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Michelle Seagull, Commissioner, Department of Consumer Protection

Commissioner Seagull thanked the committee for raising this bill. This bill will address necessary changes to DCP statutes to streamline, update and address the Department's need to regulate various industries and implement certain statutory requirements.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Connecticut Realtors

Connecticut Realtors strongly support this bill. The Connecticut Realtors and Department of Consumer Protection have been working together to draft this legislation. This joint legislation will improve clarity to real estate license activity as well add protections to Connecticut consumers.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None Expressed

Reported by: Bonnie Gray, Assistant Clerk

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