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**Committee Bill No. 6391**

LCO No. 5870



Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:  
(PD)

***AN ACT INCREASING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF  
MUNICIPAL REGULATIONS AND ORDINANCES.***

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (10) of subsection (c) of section 7-148 of the  
2 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
3 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

4 (10) (A) Make all lawful regulations and ordinances in furtherance of  
5 any general powers as enumerated in this section, and prescribe  
6 penalties for the violation of [the same not to exceed two hundred fifty  
7 dollars] such regulations and ordinances, not to exceed five hundred  
8 dollars for a first violation or seven hundred fifty dollars for a second or  
9 subsequent violation of the same regulation or ordinance occurring on  
10 or before twelve months after the date of any prior violation, unless  
11 otherwise specifically provided by the general statutes. Such regulations  
12 and ordinances may be enforced by citations issued by designated  
13 municipal officers or employees, provided the regulations and  
14 ordinances have been designated specifically by the municipality for  
15 enforcement by citation in the same manner in which they were adopted  
16 and the designated municipal officers or employees issue a written

17 warning providing notice of the specific violation before issuing the  
18 citation, except that no such written warning shall be required for  
19 violations of a municipal ordinance regulating the operation or use of a  
20 dirt bike, all-terrain vehicle or mini-motorcycle;

21 (B) Adopt a code of ethical conduct;

22 (C) Establish and maintain free legal aid bureaus;

23 (D) Perform data processing and related administrative computer  
24 services for a fee for another municipality;

25 (E) Adopt the model ordinance concerning a municipal freedom of  
26 information advisory board created under subsection (f) of section 1-205  
27 and establish a municipal freedom of information advisory board as  
28 provided by said ordinance and said section;

29 (F) Protect the historic or architectural character of properties or  
30 districts that are listed on, or under consideration for listing on, the  
31 National Register of Historic Places, 16a USC 470, or the state register of  
32 historic places, as defined in section 10-410.

33 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 51-164n of the general statutes is  
34 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
35 *1, 2023*):

36 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, any person  
37 who is alleged to have committed (1) a violation under the provisions of  
38 section 1-9, 1-10, 1-11, 2-71h, 4b-13, 7-13, 7-14, 7-35 or 7-41, subsection (c)  
39 of section 7-66, section 7-83, 7-147h, 7-148, as amended by this act, 7-  
40 148f, 7-148o, 7-283, 7-325, 7-393, 8-12, 8-25, 8-27, 9-63, 9-322, 9-350, 10-  
41 185, 10-193, 10-197, 10-198, 10-230, 10-251, 10-254, 10a-35, 12-52, 12-54,  
42 12-129b or 12-170aa, subdivision (3) of subsection (e) of section 12-286,  
43 section 12-286a, 12-292, 12-314b or 12-326g, subdivision (4) of section 12-  
44 408, subdivision (3), (5) or (6) of section 12-411, section 12-435c, 12-476a,  
45 12-476b, 12-476c, 12-487, 13a-71, 13a-107, 13a-113, 13a-114, 13a-115, 13a-  
46 117b, 13a-123, 13a-124, 13a-139, 13a-140, 13a-143b, 13a-253, 13a-263 or

47 13b-39f, subsection (f) of section 13b-42, section 13b-90 or 13b-100,  
48 subsection (a) of section 13b-108, section 13b-221 or 13b-292, subsection  
49 (a) or (b) of section 13b-324, section 13b-336, 13b-337, 13b-338, 13b-410a,  
50 13b-410b or 13b-410c, subsection (a), (b) or (c) of section 13b-412, section  
51 13b-414 or 14-4, subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 14-12,  
52 subsection (d) of section 14-12, subsection (f) of section 14-12a,  
53 subsection (a) of section 14-15a, section 14-16c, 14-20a or 14-27a,  
54 subsection (f) of section 14-34a, subsection (d) of section 14-35, section  
55 14-43, 14-44j, 14-49, 14-50a, 14-58 or 14-62a, subsection (b) of section 14-  
56 66, section 14-66a or 14-67a, subsection (g) of section 14-80, subsection  
57 (f) or (i) of section 14-80h, section 14-97a or 14-98, subsection (a), (b) or  
58 (d) of section 14-100a, section 14-100b, 14-103a, 14-106a, 14-106c, 14-145a  
59 or 14-146, subsection (b) of section 14-147, section 14-152, 14-153, 14-161  
60 or 14-163b, subsection (f) of section 14-164i, section 14-213b or 14-219,  
61 subdivision (1) of section 14-223a, subsection (d) of section 14-224,  
62 section 14-240, 14-250, 14-253a, 14-261a, 14-262, 14-264, 14-266, 14-267a,  
63 14-269, 14-270, 14-272b, 14-274, 14-275 or 14-275a, subsection (c) of  
64 section 14-275c, section 14-276, subsection (a) or (b) of section 14-277,  
65 section 14-278, 14-279 or 14-280, subsection (b), (e) or (h) of section 14-  
66 283, section 14-283d, 14-283e, 14-283f, 14-283g, 14-291, 14-293b, 14-296aa,  
67 14-298a, 14-300, 14-300d, 14-300f, 14-319, 14-320, 14-321, 14-325a, 14-326,  
68 14-330 or 14-332a, subdivision (1), (2) or (3) of section 14-386a, section  
69 15-15e, 15-25 or 15-33, subdivision (1) of section 15-97, subsection (a) of  
70 section 15-115, section 16-15, 16-16, 16-44, 16-256e, 16-278 or 16a-15,  
71 subsection (a) of section 16a-21, section 16a-22, subsection (a) or (b) of  
72 section 16a-22h, section 16a-106, 17a-24, 17a-145, 17a-149 or 17a-152,  
73 subsection (b) of section 17a-227, section 17a-465, subsection (c) of  
74 section 17a-488, section 17b-124, 17b-131, 17b-137, 19a-33, 19a-39 or 19a-  
75 87, subsection (b) of section 19a-87a, section 19a-91, 19a-102a, 19a-102b,  
76 19a-105, 19a-107, 19a-113, 19a-215, 19a-216a, 19a-219, 19a-222, 19a-224,  
77 19a-286, 19a-287, 19a-297, 19a-301, 19a-309, 19a-335, 19a-336, 19a-338,  
78 19a-339, 19a-340, 19a-425, 19a-442, 19a-502, 19a-565, 20-7a, 20-14, 20-  
79 153a, 20-158, 20-231, 20-233, 20-249, 20-257, 20-265, 20-324e, 20-329c or  
80 20-329g, subsection (b) of section 20-334, section 20-341l, 20-366, 20-482,

81 20-597, 20-608, 20-610, 20-623, 21-1, 21-38, 21-39, 21-43, 21-47, 21-48 or  
82 21-63, subsection (d) of section 21-71, section 21-76a or 21-100,  
83 subsection (c) of section 21a-2, subdivision (1) of section 21a-19, section  
84 21a-20 or 21a-21, subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 21a-25,  
85 section 21a-26 or 21a-30, subsection (a) of section 21a-37, section 21a-46,  
86 21a-61, 21a-63, 21a-70b or 21a-77, subsection (b) or (c) of section 21a-79,  
87 section 21a-85 or 21a-154, subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 21a-  
88 159, section 21a-278b, subsection (c), (d) or (e) of section 21a-279a,  
89 section 21a-421eee, 21a-421fff, 21a-421hhh, subsection (a) of section 21a-  
90 430, section 22-12b, 22-13, 22-14, 22-15, 22-16, 22-26g, 22-30, 22-34, 22-35,  
91 22-36, 22-38, 22-39, 22-39f, 22-49, 22-54, 22-61j or 22-61l, subdivision (1)  
92 of subsection (n) of section 22-61l, subsection (f) of section 22-61m,  
93 subdivision (1) of subsection (f) of section 22-61m, section 22-84, 22-89,  
94 22-90, 22-96, 22-98, 22-99, 22-100 or 22-111o, subsection (d) of section 22-  
95 118l, section 22-167, subsection (c) of section 22-277, section 22-278, 22-  
96 279, 22-280a, 22-318a, 22-320h, 22-324a or 22-326, subsection (b),  
97 subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (e) or subsection (g) of section 22-344,  
98 subsection (a) or (b) of section 22-344b, section 22-344c, subsection (d) of  
99 section 22-344d, section 22-344f, 22-350a, 22-354, 22-359, 22-366, 22-391,  
100 22-413, 22-414, 22-415, 22-415c, 22a-66a or 22a-246, subsection (a) of  
101 section 22a-250, section 22a-256g, subsection (e) of section 22a-256h,  
102 section 22a-363 or 22a-381d, subsections (c) and (d) of section 22a-381e,  
103 section 22a-449, 22a-450, 22a-461, 23-4b, 23-38, 23-45, 23-46 or 23-61b,  
104 subsection (a) or subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 23-65, section  
105 25-37 or 25-40, subsection (a) of section 25-43, section 25-43d, 25-135, 26-  
106 18, 26-19, 26-21, 26-31, 26-40, 26-40a, 26-42, 26-43, 26-49, 26-54, 26-55, 26-  
107 56, 26-58 or 26-59, subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 26-61,  
108 section 26-64, subdivision (1) of section 26-76, section 26-79, 26-87, 26-89,  
109 26-91, 26-94, 26-97, 26-98, 26-104, 26-105, 26-107, 26-114a, 26-117,  
110 subsection (b) of section 26-127, 26-128, 26-128a, 26-131, 26-132, 26-138,  
111 26-139 or 26-141, subdivision (1) of section 26-186, section 26-207, 26-215,  
112 26-217 or 26-224a, subdivision (1) of section 26-226, section 26-227, 26-  
113 230, 26-231, 26-232, 26-244, 26-257a, 26-260, 26-276, 26-280, 26-284, 26-  
114 285, 26-286, 26-287, 26-288, 26-290, 26-291a, 26-292, 26-294, 27-107, 28-13,

115 29-6a, 29-16, 29-17, 29-25, 29-143o, 29-143z or 29-156a, subsection (b), (d),  
116 (e), (g) or (h) of section 29-161q, section 29-161y or 29-161z, subdivision  
117 (1) of section 29-198, section 29-210, 29-243 or 29-277, subsection (c) of  
118 section 29-291c, section 29-316 or 29-318, subsection (b) of section 29-  
119 335a, section 29-381, 30-19f, 30-48a or 30-86a, subsection (b) of section  
120 30-89, subsection (c) or (d) of section 30-117, section 31-3, 31-10, 31-11,  
121 31-12, 31-13, 31-14, 31-15, 31-16, 31-18, 31-23, 31-24, 31-25, 31-32, 31-36,  
122 31-38, 31-40, 31-44, 31-47 or 31-48, subsection (b) of section 31-48b,  
123 section 31-51, 31-51g, 31-52, 31-52a, 31-53 or 31-54, subsection (a) or (c)  
124 of section 31-69, section 31-70, 31-74, 31-75, 31-76, 31-76a, 31-89b or 31-  
125 134, subsection (i) of section 31-273, section 31-288, 31-348, 33-624, 33-  
126 1017, 34-13d or 34-412, subdivision (1) of section 35-20, subsection (a) of  
127 section 36a-57, subsection (b) of section 36a-665, section 36a-699, 36a-  
128 739, 36a-787, 38a-2 or 38a-140, subsection (a) or (b) of section 38a-278,  
129 section 38a-479qq, 38a-479rr, 38a-506, 38a-548, 38a-626, 38a-680, 38a-713,  
130 38a-733, 38a-764, 38a-786, 38a-828, 38a-829, 38a-885, 42-133hh, 42-230,  
131 42-470 or 42-480, subsection (a) or (c) of section 43-16q, section 45a-283,  
132 45a-450, 45a-634 or 45a-658, subdivision (13) or (14) of section 46a-54,  
133 section 46a-59, 46a-81b, 46b-22, 46b-24, 46b-34, 46b-38d, 47-34a, 47-47 or  
134 47-53, subsection (i) of section 47a-21, subdivision (1) of subsection (k)  
135 of section 47a-21, section 49-2a, 49-8a, 49-16, 52-143 or 52-289, subsection  
136 (j) of section 52-362, section 53-133, 53-199, 53-212a, 53-249a, 53-252, 53-  
137 264, 53-280, 53-290a, 53-302a, 53-303e, 53-311a, 53-314, 53-321, 53-322, 53-  
138 323 or 53-331, subsection (b) of section 53-343a, section 53-344,  
139 subsection (b) or (c) of section 53-344b, subsection (b) of section 53-345a,  
140 section 53-377, 53-422 or 53-450 or subsection (i) of section 54-36a, or (2)  
141 a violation under the provisions of chapter 268, or (3) a violation of any  
142 regulation adopted in accordance with the provisions of section 12-484,  
143 12-487 or 13b-410, or (4) a violation of any ordinance, regulation or  
144 bylaw of any town, city or borough, except violations of building codes  
145 and the health code, for which the penalty exceeds ninety dollars but  
146 does not exceed [two] seven hundred fifty dollars, unless such town,  
147 city or borough has established a payment and hearing procedure for  
148 such violation pursuant to section 7-152c, shall follow the procedures

149 set forth in this section.

150 Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 51-164p of the general statutes is  
151 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
152 *1, 2023*):

153 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of any special act, local law or the  
154 general statutes, any violation of any ordinance, regulation or bylaw of  
155 any town, city or borough, except violations of building codes and the  
156 health code, for which the penalty exceeds ninety dollars but does not  
157 exceed [two] seven hundred fifty dollars shall be a violation as provided  
158 for in sections 51-164m and 51-164n, as amended by this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	7-148(c)(10)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	51-164n(b)
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	51-164p(b)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To increase the maximum penalty for violation of a municipal regulation or ordinance to five hundred dollars for a first violation and seven hundred fifty dollars for a second or subsequent violation.

*[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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