

General Assembly

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Amendment

LCO No. 8880



Offered by: REP. WEIR, 55th Dist.

To: House Bill No. 5428

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(As Amended)

"AN ACT CONCERNING MOBILE MANUFACTURED HOME PARKS."

Strike section 7 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu
 thereof:

"Sec. 7. Section 21-84a of the general statutes is repealed and the
following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

5 (a) (1) There is established, within the Department of Consumer Protection, a Mobile Manufactured Home [Advisory] Council 6 7 composed of fourteen regular members and two alternate members as 8 follows: [One member of the Connecticut Real Estate Commission, one 9 employee of the Department of Housing and one employee of the 10 Connecticut Housing Finance Authority to be appointed by the 11 Governor; an attorney-at-law specializing in mobile manufactured 12 home matters to be appointed by the speaker of the House of 13 Representatives; one town planner and one representative of the

14 banking industry to be appointed by the Governor; three mobile 15 manufactured home park owners, one to be appointed by the Governor, 16 one to be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate and one to be 17 appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives; a 18 representative of the mobile manufactured home industry to be 19 appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives; three] 20 (A) Seven regular members appointed by the Governor, (i) one of whom 21 shall be a member of the Connecticut Real Estate Commission, (ii) one 22 of whom shall be an employee of the Department of Housing, (iii) one 23 of whom shall be an employee of the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority, (iv) one of whom shall be a town planner, (v) one of whom 24 25 shall be a representative of the banking industry, (vi) one of whom shall be a mobile manufactured home park owner, and (vii) one of whom 26 27 shall be a senior citizen who is either a resident of a mobile 28 manufactured home park or a representative of other senior citizens 29 who reside in mobile manufactured home parks; (B) one regular 30 member appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, who 31 shall be an attorney-at-law specializing in mobile manufactured home matters; (C) one regular member appointed by the majority leader of the 32 33 House of Representatives, who shall be a representative of the mobile 34 manufactured home industry; (D) one regular member appointed by the 35 minority leader of the House of Representatives, who shall be a mobile 36 manufactured home park owner; (E) one regular member appointed by 37 the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be a mobile manufactured 38 home park owner; (F) three regular members who are mobile manufactured home park tenants or representatives of such tenants, 39 40 each from different geographic areas of the state, one to be appointed by 41 the Governor, one to be appointed by the president pro tempore of the 42 Senate and one to be appointed by the majority leader of the Senate; and 43 [a senior citizen, who is either a resident of a mobile manufactured home 44 park or a representative of other senior citizens who reside in mobile 45 manufactured home parks, to be appointed by the Governor. The 46 mobile manufactured home park owners and the representative of the 47 mobile manufactured home industry] (G) two alternate members 48 appointed by the Governor, (i) one of whom shall be a mobile

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49	manufactured home park owner, and the chairperson of the council may
50	designate such alternate member to serve in lieu of any absent regular
51	member appointed pursuant to subparagraph (A)(vi) of this subdivision
52	or subparagraphs (C) to (E), inclusive, of this subdivision, and (ii) one
53	of whom shall be a mobile manufactured home park tenant or a
54	representative of such tenants, and the chairperson of the council may
55	designate such alternate member to serve in lieu of any absent regular
56	member appointed pursuant to subparagraph (F) of this subdivision.
57	(2) Each regular member appointed pursuant to subparagraph
58	(A)(vi) of subdivision (1) of this subsection or subparagraphs (C) to (E),
59	inclusive, of subdivision (1) of this subsection, and the alternate member
60	appointed pursuant to subparagraph (G)(i) of subdivision (1) of this
61	subsection, shall be appointed from a list submitted to the appointing
62	authorities by the Connecticut Manufactured Housing Association or its
63	successor, if such organization or successor exists. [The mobile
64	manufactured home park tenants or tenant representatives and the
65	senior citizen]
66	(3) Each regular member appointed pursuant to subparagraph
67	(A)(vii) of subdivision (1) of this subsection or subparagraph (F) of
68	subdivision (1) of this subsection, and the alternate member appointed
69	pursuant to subparagraph (G)(ii) of subdivision (1) of this subsection,
70	shall be appointed from a list submitted to the appointing authorities by
71	the Connecticut Manufactured Home Owners Alliance or its successor,
72	if such organization or successor exists.
73	(4) The Governor shall appoint a chairperson from among the regular
74	members of the council. [Members]
75	(5) Regular and alternate members shall serve for a term coterminous
76	with the term of the Governor or until their successors are appointed,
77	whichever is later. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing
78	authority for the position which has become vacant. [Members]

79 (6) No regular or alternate member of the council shall [not] be

80 compensated for [their] <u>such member's</u> services.

81 <u>(7)</u> Any [council] <u>regular</u> member who fails to attend three 82 consecutive meetings <u>of the council</u>, or who fails to attend fifty per cent 83 of all meetings <u>of the council</u> held during any calendar year, shall be 84 deemed to have resigned from office.

85 (b) The [advisory] council shall: (1) Monitor the implementation of 86 statutes and regulations affecting mobile manufactured homes; [,] (2) promote mobile manufactured homes in the state; [,] (3) conduct a 87 88 public education program to (A) improve public perception and local 89 acceptance of mobile manufactured homes, and (B) promote [them] mobile manufactured homes as affordable, decent, safe and sanitary 90 91 housing; [, and] (4) study additional issues related to mobile 92 manufactured homes; and (5) review and approve, modify or reject each 93 application submitted pursuant to subsection (c) of this section in 94 accordance with the provisions of said subsection.

95 (c) (1) No mobile manufactured home park owner shall implement
 96 any proposed rent increase at a rate that exceeds the rate set forth in
 97 subparagraph (B)(i) of subdivision (5) of subsection (b) of section 21-80,

98 <u>as amended by this act, unless:</u>

99 (A) At least ninety days before the effective date of such proposed 100 rent increase, the owner submits an application to the council, in a form 101 and manner prescribed by the council, which (i) demonstrates that the 102 proposed rent increase is necessary due to increases in (I) the operating 103 expenses incurred by the owner in operating the mobile manufactured 104 home park, (II) the real property taxes assessed by a municipality against the mobile manufactured home or the mobile manufactured 105 106 home park and payable by the owner, and (III) any costs that are directly 107 related to the amortized costs of capital improvements in the mobile manufactured home park, (ii) shall include an itemization of all funds 108 allocated for deferred maintenance, and (iii) may include the owner's 109 110 projected net revenue and profit margin following approval of such 111 proposed rent increase;

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112	(B) Prior to a hearing on such application, the owner submits to the
113	council any other information the council reasonably requires for the
114	purposes of this section; and
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115	(C) The council, after notice and a hearing held in accordance with
116	the provisions of this subsection, determines that such increase is
117 110	necessary considering the increased operating expenses, real property taxes and costs set for this subparagraph $(A)(i)$ of this subdivision
118	taxes and costs set forth in subparagraph (A)(i) of this subdivision.
119	(2) Not later than fifteen days after the council receives a completed
120	application submitted by an owner pursuant to subparagraph (A) of
121	subdivision (1) of this subsection, the council shall: (A) Schedule a
122	hearing date for such application, which hearing date shall be not later
123	than thirty days after the council received such application; and (B) send
124	a hearing notice to the owner in a form and manner prescribed by the
125	<u>council.</u>
126	(3) The owner shall provide each resident of the mobile manufactured
127	home park with at least ten days' advance notice of the hearing date
128	scheduled by the council pursuant to subparagraph (A) of subdivision
129	(2) of this subsection, which notice shall be provided in a form and
130	manner prescribed by the council.
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131 122	(4) The council shall conduct a hearing on the owner's application in
132 133	accordance with the provisions of chapter 54. Not later than thirty days after such hearing, the council shall: (A) Issue a written decision
133	approving, modifying or rejecting such application; and (B) send notice
134	of such decision to the owner and the resident in a form and manner
136	prescribed by the council.
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137	(5) Any party aggrieved by the decision of the council may appeal
138	therefrom to the Superior Court in accordance with the provisions of
139	<u>section 4-183.</u>
140	(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) to (c), inclusive,
141	of this section, no lobbyist, as defined in section 1-91, shall be appointed
142	to serve as a regular member or an alternate member of the council."
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