

General Assembly

Amendment

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LCO No. 8860



To: Subst. House Bill No. 7068

File No. 749

Cal. No. 467

"AN ACT CONCERNING COURT-ORDERED ACCOUNTINGS OF COMMON INTEREST COMMUNITY FINANCIAL RECORDS AND REVISING THE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO COMMON INTEREST COMMUNITIES."

Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) Notwithstanding any 4 provision of the declaration or bylaws to the contrary and except as 5 provided in subsection (c) of section 47-260 of the general statutes, any group of unit owners of units to which at least twenty per cent of the 6 7 votes in the association are allocated pursuant to the declaration may 8 petition the Superior Court for an order directing such association to 9 retain an independent third party to conduct an audit of such 10 association's financial records retained by such association pursuant to 11 the provisions of subsection (a) of section 47-260 of the general statutes 12 that are related to such association's expenditures and any other 13 financial matters, provided such group of unit owners satisfies the

14 following conditions:

(1) Such group of unit owners certifies in writing that a good faith
belief exists in grounds for an audit of such association's financial
records;

(2) Such group of unit owners obtains a signed opinion of an
independent certified public accountant who specializes in fraud or
financial forensics that there appears to be evidence of financial fraud or
misuse of such association's funds. Such signed opinion shall identify
the basis for the formation of such opinion;

(3) Such group of unit owners certifies in such petition to such group
of unit owner's ownership of units to which at least twenty per cent of
the votes in such association are allocated pursuant to the declaration
and attaches to such petition a certified copy of the allocation of the
votes from the declaration as recorded; and

(4) No such audit has been completed during the immediately
preceding twelve months from the date such group of unit owners filed
such petition for an audit of such association's financial records.

(b) Any expenses associated with the completion of an audit by an independent third party of an association's financial records pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall be paid for by the group of unit owners who filed such petition for an audit of such association's financial records.

36 (c) Any association or community association manager who provides 37 association management services for such association may charge a 38 reasonable fee to the group of unit owners for providing such 39 association's financial records to an independent third party pursuant 40 to the provisions of this section. For the purposes of this subsection, 41 "association management services" and "community association 42 manager" have the same meanings as provided in section 20-450 of the 43 general statutes.

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| 44 | (d) Any association shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees | | |
| 45 | incurred by the association pursuant to the provisions of this section. | | |
| 46 | Sec. 2. Subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of section | | |
| 47 | 20-327b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is | | |
| 48 | substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2025): | | |
| 49 | (B) A subsection entitled "General Information" | | |
| 50 | (i) Indicate the YEAR the structure was built: | | |
| 51 | (ii) Indicate HOW LONG you have occupied the property: If not | | |
| 52 | applicable, indicate with N/A. | | |
| 53 | (iii) Does anyone else claim to own any part of your property, | | |
| 54 | including, but not limited to, any encroachment(s)? If YES, explain: | | |
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| 55 | (iv) Does anyone other than you have or claim to have any right to | | |
| 56 | use any part of your property, including, but not limited to, any | | |
| 57 | easement or right-of-way? If YES, explain: | | |
| 58 | (v) Is the property in a flood hazard area or an inland wetlands area? | | |
| 59 | If YES, explain: | | |
| 60 | () Ano your or the masses of a dam on the masses that has | | |
| 60 61 | (vi) Are you aware of the presence of a dam on the property that has | | |
| 62 | been or is required to be registered with the Department of Energy and | | |
| 62 | Environmental Protection? If YES, explain: | | |
| 63 | (vii) Do you have any reason to believe that the municipality in which | | |
| 64 | the subject property is located may impose any assessment for purposes | | |
| 65 | such as sewer installation, sewer improvements, water main | | |
| 66 | installation, water main improvements, sidewalks or other | | |
| 67 | improvements? If YES, explain: | | |
| 68 | (viii) Is the property located in a municipally designated village | | |
| 69 | district, municipally designated historic district or listed on the National | | |
| 70 | Register of Historic Places? If YES, explain: | | |

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| 71 | (ix) Special Statement: Information concerning village districts and | | |
| 72 | historic districts may be obtained from the municipality's village or | | |
| 73 | historic district commission, if applicable. | | |
| 74 | (x) Is the property located in a special tax district? If YES, explain: | | |
| 75 | (xi) Is the property subject to any type of land use restrictions, other | | |
| 76 | than those contained within the property's chain of title or that are | | |
| 77 | necessary to comply with state laws or municipal zoning? If YES, | | |
| 78 | explain: | | |
| 79 | (xii) Is the property located in a common interest community? If YES, | | |
| 80 | is it subject to any community or association dues or fees? Please | | |
| 81 | explain: | | |
| 82 | (xiii) Special Statement: If the property is located in a common | | |
| 83 | interest community that is comprised of more than twelve units, the | | |
| 84 | buyer is advised to (I) obtain a "Resale Certificate", which shall be | | |
| 85 | provided by the common interest community pursuant to state law, and | | |
| 86 | (II) request from the common interest community a report of such | | |
| 87 | common interest community's reserve funds. For any common interest | | |
| 88 | community that is comprised of not more than twelve units and not | | |
| 89 | required to provide such resale certificate, if such resale certificate is not | | |
| 90 | available, the buyer should consult with trade professionals, attorneys, | | |
| 91 | real estate professionals, financial analysts and residents of such | | |
| 92 | common interest community for more information concerning issues | | |
| 93 | that may arise with ownership in common interest communities. | | |
| 94 | [(xiii)] (xiv) Do you have any knowledge of prior or pending | | |
| 95 | litigation, government agency or administrative actions, orders or liens | | |
| 96 | on the property related to the release of any hazardous substance? If | | |
| 97 | YES, explain: | | |
| 98 | Sec. 3. Section 38a-726 of the general statutes is repealed and the | | |
| 99 | following is substituted in lieu thereof (<i>Effective October 1,</i> 2025): | | |
| 100 | (a) No public adjuster shall charge or collect a fee if, within thirty days | | |
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| 101 | of a loss to a structure covered by a fire insurance policy, the insurer | | |
| 102 | offers in writing to pay the full policy limits. | | |
| 103 104 | (b) Any fee charged to an insured by a public adjuster shall be based only on the amount of the insurance settlement proceeds actually | | |
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| 106 | shall be collected by such public adjuster after the [insured has received | | |
| 107 | such proceeds from the insurer] insurer has paid such settlement | | |
| 108 | 3 <u>proceeds</u> ." | | |
| | This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |

| Section 1 | October 1, 2025 | New section |
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| Sec. 2 | October 1, 2025 | 20-327b(d)(2)(B) |
| Sec. 3 | October 1, 2025 | 38a-726 |