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(As Amended)

"AN ACT CONCERNING MOBILE MANUFACTURED HOME PARKS."

- 1 Strike section 5 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu
- 2 thereof:
- 3 "Sec. 5. Subsection (b) of section 21-80 of the general statutes is
- 4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
- 5 1, 2025):
- 6 (b) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 47a-23, an owner
- 7 may terminate a rental agreement or maintain a summary process action
- 8 against a resident who owns a mobile manufactured home only for one
- 9 or more of the following reasons:
- 10 (A) Nonpayment of rent, utility charges or reasonable incidental
- 11 services charges;
- 12 (B) Material noncompliance by the resident with any statute or

regulation materially affecting the health and safety of other residents or materially affecting the physical condition of the park;

- (C) Material noncompliance by the resident with the rental agreement or with rules or regulations adopted under section 21-70, as amended by this act;
- 18 (D) Failure by the resident to agree to a proposed rent increase, 19 provided the owner has complied with all provisions of subdivision (5) 20 of this subsection; or
 - (E) A change in the use of the land on which such mobile manufactured home is located, provided all of the affected residents receive written notice (i) at least three hundred sixty-five days before the time specified in the notice for the resident to quit possession of the mobile manufactured home or occupancy of the lot if such notice is given before June 23, 1999, or (ii) at least five hundred forty-five days before the time specified in the notice for the resident to quit possession of the mobile manufactured home or occupancy of the lot if such notice is given on or after June 23, 1999, regardless of whether any other notice under this section or section 21-70, as amended by this act, has been given before June 23, 1999; provided nothing in subsection (f) of section 21-70, as amended by this act, subsection (a) of this section, this subdivision and section 21-80b shall be construed to invalidate the effectiveness of or require the reissuance of any valid notice given before June 23, 1999.
 - (2) An owner may not maintain a summary process action under subparagraph (B), (C) or (D) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, except a summary process action based upon conduct which constitutes a serious nuisance or a violation of subdivision (9) of subsection (b) of section 21-82, prior to delivering a written notice to the resident specifying the acts or omissions constituting the breach and that the rental agreement shall terminate upon a date not less than thirty days after receipt of the notice. If such breach can be remedied by repair by the resident or payment of damages by the resident to the owner and

such breach is not so remedied within twenty-one days, the rental agreement shall terminate except that (A) if the breach is remediable by repairs or the payment of damages and the resident adequately remedies the breach within said twenty-one-day period, the rental agreement shall not terminate, or (B) if substantially the same act or omission for which notice was given recurs within six months, the owner may terminate the rental agreement in accordance with the provisions of sections 47a-23 to 47a-23b, inclusive. For the purposes of this subdivision, "serious nuisance" means (i) inflicting bodily harm upon another resident or the owner or threatening to inflict such harm with the present ability to effect the harm and under circumstances which would lead a reasonable person to believe that such threat will be carried out, (ii) substantial and wilful destruction of part of the premises, (iii) conduct which presents an immediate and serious danger to the safety of other residents or the owner, or (iv) using the premises for prostitution or the illegal sale of drugs. If the owner elects to evict based upon an allegation, pursuant to subdivision (8) of subsection (b) of section 21-82, that the resident failed to require other persons on the premises with the resident's consent to conduct themselves in a manner that will not constitute a serious nuisance, and the resident claims to have had no knowledge of such conduct, then, if the owner establishes that the premises have been used for the illegal sale of drugs, the burden shall be on the resident to show that the resident had no knowledge of the creation of the serious nuisance.

- (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 47a-23, termination of any tenancy in a mobile manufactured home park shall be effective only if made in the following manner:
- (A) By the resident giving at least thirty days' notice to the owner; or
- (B) By the owner giving the resident at least sixty days' written notice, which shall state the reason or reasons for such termination, except that, when termination is based upon subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, the owner need give the resident only thirty days' written notice, which notice shall state the total arrearage due provided,

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78 the owner shall not maintain or proceed with a summary process action

- 79 against a resident who tenders the total arrearage due to the owner
- 80 within such thirty days and who has not so tendered an arrearage under
- 81 this subparagraph during the preceding twelve months.
- 82 (4) Except as otherwise specified, proceedings under this section shall 83 be as prescribed by chapter 832.
- 84 (5) Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit an owner from increasing 85 the rent at the termination of the rental agreement if (A) the owner 86 delivers a written notice of the proposed rent increase to the resident at 87 least [thirty] ninety days before the start of a new rental agreement; (B) 88 the proposed rent is consistent with rents for comparable lots in the 89 same park, provided if the mobile manufactured home park is 90 comprised of at least fifteen mobile manufactured home spaces or lots, 91 the proposed rent shall not increase at a rate that exceeds (i) the 92 percentage change in the most recently published consumer price index 93 for the preceding twelve-month period plus one per cent, or (ii) the rate 94 approved by the Mobile Manufactured Home Council pursuant to 95 subsection (c) of section 21-84a, as amended by this act; and (C) the rent 96 is not increased in order to defeat the purpose of this subsection."
- 97 Strike section 7 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu 98 thereof:
- 99 "Sec. 7. Section 21-84a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):
 - (a) (1) There is established, within the Department of Consumer Protection, a Mobile Manufactured Home [Advisory] Council composed of fourteen <u>regular</u> members <u>and two alternate members</u> as follows: [One member of the Connecticut Real Estate Commission, one employee of the Department of Housing and one employee of the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority to be appointed by the Governor; an attorney-at-law specializing in mobile manufactured home matters to be appointed by the speaker of the House of

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109 Representatives; one town planner and one representative of the 110 banking industry to be appointed by the Governor; three mobile 111 manufactured home park owners, one to be appointed by the Governor, 112 one to be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate and one to be 113 appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives; a 114 representative of the mobile manufactured home industry to be 115 appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives; three] 116 (A) Seven regular members appointed by the Governor, (i) one of whom shall be a member of the Connecticut Real Estate Commission, (ii) one 117 118 of whom shall be an employee of the Department of Housing, (iii) one 119 of whom shall be an employee of the Connecticut Housing Finance 120 Authority, (iv) one of whom shall be a town planner, (v) one of whom 121 shall be a representative of the banking industry, (vi) one of whom shall 122 be a mobile manufactured home park owner, and (vii) one of whom 123 shall be a senior citizen who is either a resident of a mobile 124 manufactured home park or a representative of other senior citizens 125 who reside in mobile manufactured home parks; (B) one regular 126 member appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, who 127 shall be an attorney-at-law specializing in mobile manufactured home 128 matters; (C) one regular member appointed by the majority leader of the 129 House of Representatives, who shall be a representative of the mobile 130 manufactured home industry; (D) one regular member appointed by the 131 minority leader of the House of Representatives, who shall be a mobile 132 manufactured home park owner; (E) one regular member appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be a mobile manufactured 133 134 home park owner; (F) three regular members who are mobile 135 manufactured home park tenants or representatives of such tenants, 136 each from different geographic areas of the state, one to be appointed by the Governor, one to be appointed by the president pro tempore of the 137 138 Senate and one to be appointed by the majority leader of the Senate; and 139 Ia senior citizen, who is either a resident of a mobile manufactured home 140 park or a representative of other senior citizens who reside in mobile 141 manufactured home parks, to be appointed by the Governor. The 142 mobile manufactured home park owners and the representative of the 143 mobile manufactured home industry (G) two alternate members

appointed by the Governor, (i) one of whom shall be a mobile manufactured home park owner, and the chairperson of the council may designate such alternate member to serve in lieu of any absent regular member appointed pursuant to subparagraph (A)(vi) of this subdivision or subparagraphs (C) to (E), inclusive, of this subdivision, and (ii) one of whom shall be a mobile manufactured home park tenant or a representative of such tenants, and the chairperson of the council may designate such alternate member to serve in lieu of any absent regular member appointed pursuant to subparagraph (F) of this subdivision.

- (2) Each regular member appointed pursuant to subparagraph (A)(vi) of subdivision (1) of this subsection or subparagraphs (C) to (E), inclusive, of subdivision (1) of this subsection, and the alternate member appointed pursuant to subparagraph (G)(i) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, shall be appointed from a list submitted to the appointing authorities by the Connecticut Manufactured Housing Association or its successor, if such organization or successor exists. [The mobile manufactured home park tenants or tenant representatives and the senior citizen]
- (3) Each regular member appointed pursuant to subparagraph
 (A)(vii) of subdivision (1) of this subsection or subparagraph (F) of
 subdivision (1) of this subsection, and the alternate member appointed
 pursuant to subparagraph (G)(ii) of subdivision (1) of this subsection,
 shall be appointed from a list submitted to the appointing authorities by
 the Connecticut Manufactured Home Owners Alliance or its successor,
 if such organization or successor exists.
- 169 (4) The Governor shall appoint a chairperson from among the <u>regular</u> 170 members of the council. [Members]
- (5) Regular and alternate members shall serve for a term coterminous
 with the term of the Governor or until their successors are appointed,
 whichever is later. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing
 authority for the position which has become vacant. [Members]

175 (6) No regular or alternate member of the council shall [not] be compensated for [their] such member's services.

- (7) Any [council] <u>regular</u> member who fails to attend three consecutive meetings <u>of the council</u>, or who fails to attend fifty per cent of all meetings <u>of the council</u> held during any calendar year, shall be deemed to have resigned from office.
- (b) The [advisory] council shall: (1) Monitor the implementation of statutes and regulations affecting mobile manufactured homes; [,] (2) promote mobile manufactured homes in the state; [,] (3) conduct a public education program to (A) improve public perception and local acceptance of mobile manufactured homes, and (B) promote [them] mobile manufactured homes as affordable, decent, safe and sanitary housing; [, and] (4) study additional issues related to mobile manufactured homes; and (5) review and approve, modify or reject each application submitted pursuant to subsection (c) of this section in accordance with the provisions of said subsection.
 - (c) (1) No mobile manufactured home park owner of a mobile manufactured home park comprised of at least fifteen mobile manufactured home spaces or lots shall implement any proposed rent increase at a rate that exceeds the rate set forth in subparagraph (B)(i) of subdivision (5) of subsection (b) of section 21-80, as amended by this act, unless:
 - (A) At least ninety days before the effective date of such proposed rent increase, the owner submits an application to the council, in a form and manner prescribed by the council, which (i) demonstrates that the proposed rent increase is necessary due to increases in (I) the operating expenses incurred by the owner in operating the mobile manufactured home park, (II) the real property taxes assessed by a municipality against the mobile manufactured home or the mobile manufactured home park and payable by the owner, and (III) any costs that are directly related to the amortized costs of capital improvements in the mobile manufactured home park, (ii) shall include an itemization of all funds

207 allocated for deferred maintenance, and (iii) may include the owner's 208 projected net revenue and profit margin following approval of such 209 proposed rent increase; 210 (B) Prior to a hearing on such application, the owner submits to the 211 council any other information the council reasonably requires for the 212 purposes of this section; and 213 (C) The council, after notice and a hearing held in accordance with the provisions of this subsection, determines that such increase is 214 215 necessary considering the increased operating expenses, real property 216 taxes and costs set forth in subparagraph (A)(i) of this subdivision. 217 (2) Not later than fifteen days after the council receives a completed 218 application submitted by an owner pursuant to subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, the council shall: (A) Schedule a 219 hearing date for such application, which hearing date shall be not later 220 221 than thirty days after the council received such application; and (B) send 222 a hearing notice to the owner in a form and manner prescribed by the 223 council. 224 (3) The owner shall provide each resident of the mobile manufactured home park with at least ten days' advance notice of the hearing date 225 226 scheduled by the council pursuant to subparagraph (A) of subdivision (2) of this subsection, which notice shall be provided in a form and 227 228 manner prescribed by the council. 229 (4) The council shall conduct a hearing on the owner's application in 230 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54. Not later than thirty days 231 after such hearing, the council shall: (A) Issue a written decision 232 approving, modifying or rejecting such application; and (B) send notice 233 of such decision to the owner and the resident in a form and manner 234 prescribed by the council. 235 (5) Any party aggrieved by the decision of the council may appeal 236 therefrom to the Superior Court in accordance with the provisions of

section 4-183."