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To: House Bill No. 5428

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(As Amended)

## "AN ACT CONCERNING MOBILE MANUFACTURED HOME PARKS."

Strike section 1 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu
 thereof:

"Section 1. Section 21-64 of the general statutes is repealed and the
following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

5 As used in this chapter:

6 (1) "Ancillary fee" (A) means any fee to be paid to the owner under

7 the rental agreement, (B) includes, but is not limited to, any fee imposed

8 to (i) maintain a pet in the dwelling unit or on the premises, or (ii)

9 maintain a washing machine in the dwelling unit, and (C) does not

10 <u>include any rent, any security deposit or any late charge;</u>

11 (2) "Department" means the Department of Consumer Protection;

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12	(3) "Dwelling unit" means a mobile manufactured home;			
13	(4) "Licensee" means any person licensed to operate and maintain a			
14	mobile manufactured home park under the provisions of this chapter;			
15	[(1)] (5) "Mobile manufactured home" means a detached residential			
16	unit having three-dimensional components which are intrinsically			
17	mobile with or without a wheeled chassis or a detached residential unit			
18	built on or after June 15, 1976, in accordance with federal manufactured			
19	home construction and safety standards, and, in either case, containing			
20	sleeping accommodations, a flush toilet, tub or shower bath, kitchen			
21	facilities and plumbing and electrical connections for attachment to			
22	outside systems, and designed for long-term occupancy and to be			
23	placed on rigid supports at the site where it is to be occupied as a			
24 25	residence, complete and ready for occupancy, except for minor and			
25 26	incidental unpacking and assembly operations and connection to			
20	utilities systems;			
27	[(2)] (6) "Mobile manufactured home park" or "park" means a plot of			
28	ground upon which two or more mobile manufactured homes, occupied			
29	for residential purposes are located;			
30	[(3)] (7) "Mobile manufactured home space or lot" means a plot of			
31	ground within a mobile manufactured home park designed for the			
32	accommodation of one mobile manufactured home;			
33	[(4) "Licensee" means any person licensed to operate and maintain a			
34	mobile manufactured home park under the provisions of this chapter;			
35	(5) "Resident" means a person who owns, or rents and occupies, a			
36	mobile manufactured home in a mobile manufactured home park;			
37	(6) "Department" means the Department of Consumer Protection;]			
38	[(7)] <u>(8)</u> "Park owner" or "owner" means a licensee or permittee or any			
39	person who owns, operates or maintains a mobile manufactured home			
40	park;			
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41 [(8) "Dwelling unit" means a mobile manufactured home;]

(9) "Person" means an individual, corporation, limited liability
company, the state or any political subdivision thereof, agency, business
trust, estate, trust, partnership or association, two or more persons
having a joint or common interest, and any other legal or commercial
entity;

(10) "Premises" means a dwelling unit and facilities and
appurtenances therein and grounds, areas and facilities held out for the
use of residents generally or whose use is promised to the resident;

50 (11) "Rent" means all periodic payments to be made to the owner 51 under the rental agreement;

(12) "Rental agreement" means all agreements, written or oral, and
valid rules and regulations adopted under subsection (d) of section 2170, as amended by this act, embodying the terms and conditions
concerning the use and occupancy of a dwelling unit or premises; and

(13) "Resident" means a person who owns, or rents and occupies, a
 mobile manufactured home in a mobile manufactured home park."

58 Strike section 5 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu 59 thereof:

"Sec. 5. Subsection (b) of section 21-80 of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*1, 2025):

(b) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 47a-23, an owner
may terminate a rental agreement or maintain a summary process action
against a resident who owns a mobile manufactured home only for one
or more of the following reasons:

67 (A) Nonpayment of rent, utility charges or reasonable incidental68 services charges;

(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;

(D) Failure by the resident to agree to a proposed rent increase,
provided the owner has complied with all provisions of subdivision (5)
of this subsection; or

78 (E) A change in the use of the land on which such mobile 79 manufactured home is located, provided all of the affected residents 80 receive written notice (i) at least three hundred sixty-five days before 81 the time specified in the notice for the resident to guit possession of the 82 mobile manufactured home or occupancy of the lot if such notice is 83 given before June 23, 1999, or (ii) at least five hundred forty-five days 84 before the time specified in the notice for the resident to quit possession 85 of the mobile manufactured home or occupancy of the lot if such notice 86 is given on or after June 23, 1999, regardless of whether any other notice 87 under this section or section 21-70, as amended by this act, has been 88 given before June 23, 1999; provided nothing in subsection (f) of section 89 21-70, as amended by this act, section 21-70a, as amended by this act, 90 subsection (a) of this section, this subdivision and section 21-80b shall 91 be construed to invalidate the effectiveness of or require the reissuance 92 of any valid notice given before June 23, 1999.

93 (2) An owner may not maintain a summary process action under 94 subparagraph (B), (C) or (D) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, except 95 a summary process action based upon conduct which constitutes a 96 serious nuisance or a violation of subdivision (9) of subsection (b) of 97 section 21-82, prior to delivering a written notice to the resident 98 specifying the acts or omissions constituting the breach and that the 99 rental agreement shall terminate upon a date not less than thirty days 100 after receipt of the notice. If such breach can be remedied by repair by

101 the resident or payment of damages by the resident to the owner and 102 such breach is not so remedied within twenty-one days, the rental 103 agreement shall terminate except that (A) if the breach is remediable by 104 repairs or the payment of damages and the resident adequately 105 remedies the breach within said twenty-one-day period, the rental 106 agreement shall not terminate, or (B) if substantially the same act or 107 omission for which notice was given recurs within six months, the 108 owner may terminate the rental agreement in accordance with the 109 provisions of sections 47a-23 to 47a-23b, inclusive. For the purposes of 110 this subdivision, "serious nuisance" means (i) inflicting bodily harm 111 upon another resident or the owner or threatening to inflict such harm 112 with the present ability to effect the harm and under circumstances 113 which would lead a reasonable person to believe that such threat will be 114 carried out, (ii) substantial and wilful destruction of part of the 115 premises, (iii) conduct which presents an immediate and serious danger 116 to the safety of other residents or the owner, or (iv) using the premises 117 for prostitution or the illegal sale of drugs. If the owner elects to evict 118 based upon an allegation, pursuant to subdivision (8) of subsection (b) 119 of section 21-82, that the resident failed to require other persons on the 120 premises with the resident's consent to conduct themselves in a manner 121 that will not constitute a serious nuisance, and the resident claims to 122 have had no knowledge of such conduct, then, if the owner establishes 123 that the premises have been used for the illegal sale of drugs, the burden 124 shall be on the resident to show that the resident had no knowledge of 125 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:

129 (A) By the resident giving at least thirty days' notice to the owner; <u>or</u>

(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'

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134	written notice, which notice shall state the total arrearage due provided,		
135	the owner shall not maintain or proceed with a summary process action		
136	against a resident who tenders the total arrearage due to the owner		
137	within such thirty days and who has not so tendered an arrearage under		
138	this subparagraph during the preceding twelve months.		
139 140	(4) Except as otherwise specified, proceedings under this section shall be as prescribed by chapter 832.		
141	(5) Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit an owner from increasing		
142	the rent at the termination of the rental agreement if (A) the owner		
143	delivers a written notice of the proposed rent increase to the resident at		
144	least [thirty] <u>ninety</u> days before the start of a new rental agreement; (B)		
145	the proposed rent is consistent with rents for comparable lots in the		
146	same park; and (C) the rent is not increased in order to defeat the		
147	purpose of this subsection."		
148 149	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 thefollowing is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

152 (a) (1) There is established, within the Department of Consumer 153 Protection, a Mobile Manufactured Home [Advisory] Council 154 composed of fourteen regular members and two alternate members as 155 follows: [One member of the Connecticut Real Estate Commission, one 156 employee of the Department of Housing and one employee of the 157 Connecticut Housing Finance Authority to be appointed by the 158 Governor; an attorney-at-law specializing in mobile manufactured 159 home matters to be appointed by the speaker of the House of 160 Representatives; one town planner and one representative of the 161 banking industry to be appointed by the Governor; three mobile 162 manufactured home park owners, one to be appointed by the Governor, 163 one to be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate and one to be 164 appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives; a

165 representative of the mobile manufactured home industry to be 166 appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives; three] (A) Seven regular members appointed by the Governor, (i) one of whom 167 shall be a member of the Connecticut Real Estate Commission, (ii) one 168 169 of whom shall be an employee of the Department of Housing, (iii) one 170 of whom shall be an employee of the Connecticut Housing Finance 171 Authority, (iv) one of whom shall be a town planner, (v) one of whom 172 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 173 174 shall be a senior citizen who is either a resident of a mobile 175 manufactured home park or a representative of other senior citizens who reside in mobile manufactured home parks; (B) one regular 176 177 member appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, who 178 shall be an attorney-at-law specializing in mobile manufactured home 179 matters; (C) one regular member appointed by the majority leader of the 180 House of Representatives, who shall be a representative of the mobile 181 manufactured home industry; (D) one regular member appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives, who shall be a mobile 182 manufactured home park owner; (E) one regular member appointed by 183 184 the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be a mobile manufactured home park owner; (F) three regular members who are mobile 185 186 manufactured home park tenants or representatives of such tenants, 187 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 188 189 Senate and one to be appointed by the majority leader of the Senate; and 190 [a senior citizen, who is either a resident of a mobile manufactured home 191 park or a representative of other senior citizens who reside in mobile 192 manufactured home parks, to be appointed by the Governor. The mobile manufactured home park owners and the representative of the 193 194 mobile manufactured home industry] (G) two alternate members 195 appointed by the Governor, (i) one of whom shall be a mobile manufactured home park owner, and the chairperson of the council may 196 197 designate such alternate member to serve in lieu of any absent regular 198 member appointed pursuant to subparagraph (A)(vi) of this subdivision 199 or subparagraphs (C) to (E), inclusive, of this subdivision, and (ii) one

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200	of whom shall be a mobile manufactured home park tenant or a				
201	representative of such tenants, and the chairperson of the council may				
202	designate such alternate member to serve in lieu of any absent regular				
203	member appointed pursuant to subparagraph (F) of this subdivision.				
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204	(2) Each regular member appointed pursuant to subparagraph				
205	(A)(vi) of subdivision (1) of this subsection or subparagraphs (C) to (E), inclusive of subdivision (1) of this subsection and the alternate member				
206	inclusive, of subdivision (1) of this subsection, and the alternate member $(C)$ (i) of subdivision (1) of this				
207	appointed pursuant to subparagraph (G)(i) of subdivision (1) of this				
208 209	subsection, shall be appointed from a list submitted to the appointing				
209 210	authorities by the Connecticut Manufactured Housing Association or its				
210 211	successor, if such organization or successor exists. [The mobile manufactured home park tenants or tenant representatives and the				
211	senior citizen]				
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213	<u>(3) Each regular member appointed pursuant to subparagraph</u>				
214	(A)(vii) of subdivision (1) of this subsection or subparagraph (F) of				
215	subdivision (1) of this subsection, and the alternate member appointed				
216	pursuant to subparagraph (G)(ii) of subdivision (1) of this subsection,				
217	shall be appointed from a list submitted to the appointing authorities by				
218	the Connecticut Manufactured Home Owners Alliance or its successor,				
219	if such organization or successor exists.				
220	(4) The Covernor shall appoint a chairman and from among the regular				
	(4) The Governor shall appoint a chairperson from among the <u>regular</u>				
221	members of the council. [Members]				
222	(5) Regular and alternate members shall serve for a term coterminous				
223	with the term of the Governor or until their successors are appointed,				
224	whichever is later. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing				
225	authority for the position which has become vacant. [Members]				
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226	(6) No regular or alternate member of the council shall [not] be				
227	compensated for [their] such member's services.				
228	(7) Any [council] regular member who fails to attend three				
229	consecutive meetings <u>of the council</u> , or who fails to attend fifty per cent				
230	of all meetings <u>of the council</u> held during any calendar year, shall be				
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231 deemed to have resigned from office.

232 (b) The [advisory] council shall: (1) Monitor the implementation of 233 statutes and regulations affecting mobile manufactured homes; [,] (2) 234 promote mobile manufactured homes in the state; [,] (3) conduct a public education program to (A) improve public perception and local 235 236 acceptance of mobile manufactured homes, and  $(\underline{B})$  promote [them] mobile manufactured homes as affordable, decent, safe and sanitary 237 housing; [,] and (4) study additional issues related to mobile 238 manufactured homes." 239

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:				
Section 1	October 1, 2025	21-64		
Sec. 5	October 1, 2025	21-80(b)		
Sec. 7	October 1, 2025	21-84a		