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(As Amended)

"AN ACT CONCERNING MOBILE MANUFACTURED HOME PARKS."

Strike section 5 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu
 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repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*1, 2025):

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 incidental11 services charges;

12 (B) Material noncompliance by the resident with any statute or 13 regulation materially affecting the health and safety of other residents 14 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
<u>amended by this act</u>;

(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

21 (E) A change in the use of the land on which such mobile 22 manufactured home is located, provided all of the affected residents 23 receive written notice (i) at least three hundred sixty-five days before 24 the time specified in the notice for the resident to quit possession of the 25 mobile manufactured home or occupancy of the lot if such notice is 26 given before June 23, 1999, or (ii) at least five hundred forty-five days 27 before the time specified in the notice for the resident to quit possession 28 of the mobile manufactured home or occupancy of the lot if such notice 29 is given on or after June 23, 1999, regardless of whether any other notice 30 under this section or section 21-70, as amended by this act, has been 31 given before June 23, 1999; provided nothing in subsection (f) of section 32 21-70, as amended by this act, section 21-70a, as amended by this act, 33 subsection (a) of this section, this subdivision and section 21-80b shall 34 be construed to invalidate the effectiveness of or require the reissuance 35 of any valid notice given before June 23, 1999.

36 (2) An owner may not maintain a summary process action under 37 subparagraph (B), (C) or (D) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, except 38 a summary process action based upon conduct which constitutes a 39 serious nuisance or a violation of subdivision (9) of subsection (b) of 40 section 21-82, prior to delivering a written notice to the resident 41 specifying the acts or omissions constituting the breach and that the 42 rental agreement shall terminate upon a date not less than thirty days 43 after receipt of the notice. If such breach can be remedied by repair by 44 the resident or payment of damages by the resident to the owner and 45 such breach is not so remedied within twenty-one days, the rental

46 agreement shall terminate except that (A) if the breach is remediable by 47 repairs or the payment of damages and the resident adequately 48 remedies the breach within said twenty-one-day period, the rental 49 agreement shall not terminate, or (B) if substantially the same act or 50 omission for which notice was given recurs within six months, the 51 owner may terminate the rental agreement in accordance with the 52 provisions of sections 47a-23 to 47a-23b, inclusive. For the purposes of 53 this subdivision, "serious nuisance" means (i) inflicting bodily harm 54 upon another resident or the owner or threatening to inflict such harm 55 with the present ability to effect the harm and under circumstances 56 which would lead a reasonable person to believe that such threat will be 57 carried out, (ii) substantial and wilful destruction of part of the 58 premises, (iii) conduct which presents an immediate and serious danger 59 to the safety of other residents or the owner, or (iv) using the premises 60 for prostitution or the illegal sale of drugs. If the owner elects to evict 61 based upon an allegation, pursuant to subdivision (8) of subsection (b) 62 of section 21-82, that the resident failed to require other persons on the 63 premises with the resident's consent to conduct themselves in a manner 64 that will not constitute a serious nuisance, and the resident claims to 65 have had no knowledge of such conduct, then, if the owner establishes 66 that the premises have been used for the illegal sale of drugs, the burden 67 shall be on the resident to show that the resident had no knowledge of 68 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:

72 (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'
written notice, which notice shall state the total arrearage due provided,
the owner shall not maintain or proceed with a summary process action

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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] <u>ninety</u> 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 two 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
100	following is substituted in lieu thereof (<i>Effective October 1, 2025</i>):
101	(a) (1) There is established, within the Department of Consumer
102	Protection, a Mobile Manufactured Home [Advisory] Council
103	composed of fourteen regular members and two alternate members as
104	follows: [One member of the Connecticut Real Estate Commission, one
105	employee of the Department of Housing and one employee of the
106	Connecticut Housing Finance Authority to be appointed by the
107	Governor; an attorney-at-law specializing in mobile manufactured
108	home matters to be appointed by the speaker of the House of
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 117 shall be a member of the Connecticut Real Estate Commission, (ii) one 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 manufactured home park or a representative of other senior citizens 124 who reside in mobile manufactured home parks; (B) one regular 125 126 member appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, who 127 shall be an attorney-at-law specializing in mobile manufactured home matters; (C) one regular member appointed by the majority leader of the 128 129 House of Representatives, who shall be a representative of the mobile 130 manufactured home industry; (D) one regular member appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives, who shall be a mobile 131 132 manufactured home park owner; (E) one regular member appointed by 133 the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be a mobile manufactured 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 137 the Governor, one to be appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate and one to be appointed by the majority leader of the Senate; and 138 139 [a 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 144 appointed by the Governor, (i) one of whom shall be a mobile

145	manufactured home park owner, and the chairperson of the council may
146	designate such alternate member to serve in lieu of any absent regular
147	member appointed pursuant to subparagraph (A)(vi) of this subdivision
148	or subparagraphs (C) to (E), inclusive, of this subdivision, and (ii) one
149	of whom shall be a mobile manufactured home park tenant or a
150	representative of such tenants, and the chairperson of the council may
150	designate such alternate member to serve in lieu of any absent regular
151	<u>member appointed pursuant to subparagraph (F) of this subdivision.</u>
152	member appointed pursuant to subparagraph (1) of this subdivision.
153	(2) Each regular member appointed pursuant to subparagraph
154	(A)(vi) of subdivision (1) of this subsection or subparagraphs (C) to (E),
155	inclusive, of subdivision (1) of this subsection, and the alternate member
156	appointed pursuant to subparagraph (G)(i) of subdivision (1) of this
157	subsection, shall be appointed from a list submitted to the appointing
158	authorities by the Connecticut Manufactured Housing Association or its
159	successor, if such organization or successor exists. [The mobile
160	manufactured home park tenants or tenant representatives and the
161	senior citizen]
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162	(3) Each regular member appointed pursuant to subparagraph
163	(A)(vii) of subdivision (1) of this subsection or subparagraph (F) of

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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.

(4) The Governor shall appoint a chairperson from among the <u>regular</u>
 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

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

177 <u>(7)</u> Any [council] <u>regular</u> member who fails to attend three 178 consecutive meetings <u>of the council</u>, or who fails to attend fifty per cent 179 of all meetings <u>of the council</u> held during any calendar year, shall be 180 deemed to have resigned from office.

181 (b) The [advisory] council shall: (1) Monitor the implementation of 182 statutes and regulations affecting mobile manufactured homes; [,] (2) promote mobile manufactured homes in the state; [,] (3) conduct a 183 184 public education program to (A) improve public perception and local acceptance of mobile manufactured homes, and (B) promote [them] 185 mobile manufactured homes as affordable, decent, safe and sanitary 186 187 housing; [, and] (4) study additional issues related to mobile 188 manufactured homes; and (5) review and approve, modify or reject each 189 application submitted pursuant to subsection (c) of this section in 190 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:

197 (A) At least ninety days before the effective date of such proposed 198 rent increase, the owner submits an application to the council, in a form 199 and manner prescribed by the council, which (i) demonstrates that the proposed rent increase is necessary due to increases in (I) the operating 200 expenses incurred by the owner in operating the mobile manufactured 201 202 home park, (II) the real property taxes assessed by a municipality against the mobile manufactured home or the mobile manufactured 203 204 home park and payable by the owner, and (III) any costs that are directly 205 related to the amortized costs of capital improvements in the mobile 206 manufactured home park, (ii) shall include an itemization of all funds 207 allocated for deferred maintenance, and (iii) may include the owner's

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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
214	the provisions of this subsection, determines that such increase is
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
219	subdivision (1) of this subsection, the council shall: (A) Schedule a
220	hearing date for such application, which hearing date shall be not later
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	<u>council.</u>
224	(3) The owner shall provide each resident of the mobile manufactured
225	home park with at least ten days' advance notice of the hearing date
226	scheduled by the council pursuant to subparagraph (A) of subdivision
227	(2) of this subsection, which notice shall be provided in a form and
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
237	<u>section 4-183</u> ."