



General Assembly

February Session, 2026

**Substitute Bill No. 332**



**AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE TO PARTIES BEFORE A FAIR RENT COMMISSION.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 7-148b of the 2026 supplement to  
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
3 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

4 (b) Any municipality may, and each municipality with a population  
5 of fifteen thousand or more, as determined by the most recent decennial  
6 census, shall, through its legislative body, adopt an ordinance that (1)  
7 creates a fair rent commission, (2) establishes or joins the municipality  
8 in a joint fair rent commission pursuant to subsection (d) of this section,  
9 or (3) joins the municipality in a regional fair rent commission pursuant  
10 to subsection (e) of this section. Any such commission shall make  
11 studies and investigations, conduct hearings and receive complaints  
12 relative to rental charges on housing accommodations, except those  
13 accommodations rented on a seasonal basis, within its jurisdiction,  
14 which term shall include mobile manufactured homes and mobile  
15 manufactured home park lots, in order to control and eliminate  
16 excessive rental charges on such accommodations, and to carry out the  
17 provisions of sections 7-148b to 7-148f, inclusive, section 47a-20 and  
18 subsection (b) of section 47a-23c. The commission, for such purposes,  
19 may compel the attendance of persons at hearings, issue subpoenas and  
20 administer oaths, issue orders and continue, review, amend, terminate

21 or suspend any of its orders and decisions. The commission may be  
22 empowered to retain legal counsel to advise it. In any hearing of the  
23 commission, such commission shall notify the parties to such hearing of  
24 their rights under such hearing and the scope of such commission's  
25 lawful authority (1) in writing before the commencement of a hearing,  
26 and (2) in an announcement at the beginning of each hearing. The  
27 Commissioner of Housing shall create a model written notice and  
28 announcement and make such models available on the Department of  
29 Housing's Internet web site. All hearings conducted pursuant to this  
30 section shall be open to the public.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |                 |           |
| Section 1   | October 1, 2026 | 7-148b(b) |

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

The new language was moved for consistency with standard drafting conventions.

**HSG**      *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*