



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 332

LCO No. 1902



Referred to Committee on HOUSING

Introduced by:
(HSG)

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2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu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

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

Statement of Purpose:

To require fair rent commissions to notify parties to a hearing of their rights under the hearing and the scope of the commission's lawful authority.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]