

LEGISLATIVE REPORT



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BLOCKED OR DEFEATED:

SB 18: Allowing unlicensed employees of property management companies to engage in the real estate business – defeated in IRE Committee.

HB 5374: Expanding present exemption for nonprofit entities to engage in the real estate business – this provision was stricken from the bill after an administrative solution was worked out between the CT Housing Coalition, CAR, and the Department of Consumer Protection which clarifies the limited exemption under existing law. Underlying bill failed.

SB 129: Creating an Office of Condominium Ombudsman — never taken up in Senate.

SB 209: Conveyance tax exemptions for military families & survivors- passed Veterans Committee but failed in Finance committee.

HB 5279: Conveyance tax exemption for underwater sellers – passed in Banks Committee and coupled with amended SB 434 in Finance Committee (providing 2-yr extension of extra town conveyance tax) then died on Senate calendar.

SB 434: Making higher conveyance tax rate permanent – the bill was amended in Finance to a 2-yr extension coupled with exemption for underwater sellers, then died on Senate calendar.

SB 430: Conveyance tax exemption for underwater seller coupled with a 1-yr extension of extra town conveyance tax – passed House 121-to-27 but failed to be taken up in Senate on last night.

SB 123: Expanded wetlands restrictions – passed Environment Committee 23-to-6 but failed to be voted on in Planning & Development Committee.

Creating a Foreclosure by Private Market Sale option enabling MLS exposure through REALTORS® – supported by CAR but removed from larger bill.

DEP's Proposed Stream Flow Regulations that impose new restrictions on businesses that impound, or otherwise divert or impact, the flow of water in a stream or river system – still pending at DEP.

PASSED:

SB 13: Regulating appraisal management companies – providing rules and enforcement penalties for 3rd party companies handing-out valuation assignments to appraisers. **Signed by Governor on 5/18. PA 10-77**

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PASSED *(Continued):*

HB 5270: Extending the foreclosure mediation program by two more years, changes “cash for keys” and homestead exemption laws, but drops “foreclosure by market sale” proposal. **Signed by Governor on 6/9 PA 10-181**

HB 5255: Municipal mandate relief – removes requirement that towns post meeting minutes on Internet, changes assessment law for personal property of some telecom co’s; and eliminates town’s responsibility for paying expense of moving and storing possessions of tenants’ or occupants’ possessions when evicted or ejected. **Signed by Governor on 6/8 PA 10-171**

HB 5246: Protection of victims of domestic violence – this is a scaled-back version of an earlier bill that would have forced landlords to “defer” a month’s rental payment for as long as six months to tenants who affirm they are victims of family violence. Landlords would have to automatically renew any month – to – month lease. These provisions were stricken from the bill. The amended law does give victims of family violence a right to terminate their rental agreement without penalty or liability for the remaining term as long as they meet certain conditions. **Signed by Governor on 6/7 PA 10-137**

HB 5138: Revisions to Consumer Protection Statutes –eliminates limitation on number of times the real estate license exam may be taken in a given period. **Signed by Governor on 5/5 PA 10-9**