



April 26th, 2019

Everyone,

The Fire Marshals have requested that I ask our membership to reach out to their respective legislators because of our opposition to **H.B. 7299**. As I have mentioned in prior updates, "Section 4" of this legislation proposed by the Department of Consumer Protection would permit retail mobile gasoline re-fueling (e.g. "on-demand mobile re-fueling") in the state. There were recently some minor changes in the language of the bill, however, Fire Marshals are concerned that despite somewhat tighter restrictions added in the latest language, the bill fails to provide any viable path of enforcement or ability to monitor vendors who might dispense gasoline illegally. The leadership of the Connecticut Fire Marshals Association feel this is an unacceptable threat to public safety and therefore opposes **H.B. 7299** as written with "Section 4" which reads as follows:

Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 14-319 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective January 1, 2020):

No person shall sell or offer for sale any gasoline or other product intended for use in the propelling of motor vehicles using combustion type engines over the highways of this state without having applied for and received from the commissioner a license to sell such gasoline or other product. Each person applying for any such license shall, in such application, state the location of each place or station where such person intends to sell or offer for sale any such gasoline or other product, or, if an on-demand mobile fueling operation is seeking licensure in accordance with chapter 14 of the National Fire Protection Association Standard 30A, state the business location and service area of such operation. Each such license shall be renewed annually. A license fee for each such place or station shall be charged as follows: For each station at a fixed location containing one pump, one hundred dollars; and, for each station containing more than one pump, one hundred dollars, plus twenty-eight dollars for each pump in excess of one, and for each on-demand mobile fueling operation, five hundred dollars for the first mobile tank truck and one hundred dollars for each additional mobile tank truck. The fees shall be paid to the commissioner.

Please reach out to your Senator or Representative and let him or her know that we oppose “Section 4” of **H.B. 7299**. *If your legislator is a member of the General Law Committee, it would be particularly helpful if you reach out to him or her at this time about this proposed legislation.* Here is a list of the members of the General Law Committee:

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091	Co-Chair	D Agostino, Michael	http://www.house Dems.ct.gov/DAgostino	D
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508	Ranking Member	Witkos, Kevin D.	http://www.ctsenaterepublicans.com/home-witkos	R
037	Ranking Member	Cheeseman, Holly H.	http://www.cthousegop.com/Cheeseman/	R
527	Vice Chair	Leone, Carlo	http://www.senate Dems.ct.gov/Leone	D
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502	Member	McCrorry, Douglas	http://www.senate Dems.ct.gov/McCrory	D
002	Member	Allie-Brennan, Raghīb	http://www.house Dems.ct.gov/allie-brennan	D
082	Member	Altobello, Emil "Buddy"	http://www.house Dems.ct.gov/Altobello	D
109	Member	Arconti, David	http://www.house Dems.ct.gov/Arconti	D
095	Member	Candelaria, Juan R.	http://www.house Dems.ct.gov/Candelaria	D
012	Member	Luxenberg, Geoff	http://www.house Dems.ct.gov/luxenberg	D
048	Member	Orange, Linda A.	http://www.house Dems.ct.gov/Orange	D
507	Member	Kissel, John A.	http://www.ctsenaterepublicans.com/home-kissel	R
008	Member	Ackert, Tim	http://www.cthousegop.com/Ackert/	R
086	Member	Candelora, Vincent J.	http://www.cthousegop.com/Candelora/	R
071	Member	D Amelio, Anthony J.	http://www.cthousegop.com/DAmelio/	R
123	Member	Rutigliano, David	http://www.cthousegop.com/Rutigliano/	R

We are still in a holding pattern waiting for an announcement of when and where the news conference will be held to roll out the “The PTSD Bill”.

I have attached an updated JF House Bill Status Report.

If you would like to receive a copy of this update by email, **please contact me by email and I will add your name to my distribution list. Please put “CSFA Update Request” as the subject of your email. If you have already requested and I missed it, I apologize, sometimes the email gets thick on this end. Please submit again with the subject “CSFA Update Request”.**

I hope that everyone has a pleasant Easter, Passover and Spring Break with family and friends.

Sincerely,

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