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CLERK:

On page 32, House Calendar 441, Substitute Senate Bill No. 846, AN ACT CONCERNING SECURITY OFFICER LICENSES. Favorable report of the Joint Standing Committee on Public Safety and Security.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

The distinguished Chairman, Representative Verrengia.

REP. VERRENGIA (20TH):

Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker. I move for acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill in concurrence with the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

The question before the chamber is on acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill in concurrence with the Senate. Representative Verrengia, you have the floor, sir.

REP. VERRENGIA (20TH):

Mr. Speaker, this makes two minor changes to the underlying bill. The first one is in the event

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that a security officer license is not renewed it will -- the timeframe will be extended by 90 days in which a security officer can reapply for his or her license. There is also a \$25-dollar late fee and the second piece is that the Commissioner of DESPP would send a notice to the licensee 90 days prior to the renewal of the application.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Will you remark further on this bill? Will you remark further? Representative Sredzinski of the 112th, you have the floor.

REP. SREDZINSKI (112TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of this bill as well. This is a common sense bill that makes some changes that makes the security license application more consistent with applications in the Despi [phonetic] realm. It passed the Senate 36 to 0. It passed the Public Safety Committee unanimously, and I would urge my colleagues to support the bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER MORIN (28TH):

Thank you, Representative. Will you remark further on the bill? Will you remark further on this bill? If not, will staff and guests please come to the well of the House? Will the members please take your seats? The machine will be opened.

(Ringing)

CLERK:

The House of Representatives is voting by roll.

Members to the Chamber. The House of Representatives is voting by roll. Members to the Chamber.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Have all the members voted? If all the members have voted, please check the board to ensure your vote has been properly cast. If all the members have voted, the machine will be locked. The Clerk will take a tally. The Clerk will announce the tally.

CLERK:

Senate Bill 846 in concurrence with the Senate.

Total number Voting	146
Necessary for Passage	74

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Those voting Yea	146
Those voting Nay	0
Absent not Voting	5

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

The bill passes in concurrence. (Gavel). Any  
announcements or introductions? Announcements or  
introductions? My very good friend of the 73rd  
district, Representative Berger, you have the floor,  
sir.

REP. BERGER (73RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I rise for the purposes  
of an introduction.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

That's why I'm out here. Please proceed, sir.

REP. BERGER (73RD):

Thank you, sir. With me today is Antoinette  
Chick Spinelli, Town Clerk in the City of Waterbury,  
but even more importantly other than the city of  
Waterbury, which is one of the more important  
things, is that she is President of the Town Clerks  
of the state of Connecticut. Chick has been a top  
vote getter in the city of Waterbury for many, many,

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THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objections, so ordered, sir. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

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No. 846. AN ACT CONCERNING SECURITY OFFICER  
LICENSES.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Larson.

SENATOR LARSON (3RD):

Thank you, Madam President. I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark sir?

SENATOR LARSON (3RD):

Yes. Thank you, Madam President. This bill aims to provide security guards with notice from DESPP that their license will expire within 90 days. This bill will align the security guard licensing renewals with what is currently in practice for gun licenses.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you remark? Will you remark further? Seeing not, Senator Larson.



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SENATOR LARSON (3RD):

It's my understanding that we need a vote on this,  
so I would ask for a roll call, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk. I have a Roll Call vote. Would you  
announce it please and the machine will be open?

THE CLERK:

Immediate Roll Call has been ordered in The Senate.  
Immediate Roll Call has been ordered in The Senate.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Slossberg, Senator McCrory, can you please  
vote and pass your vote? Thank you.

All members have voted, all members have voted. The  
machine will be closed. Mr. Clerk, will you please  
call the tally.

THE CLERK:

Senate Bill No. 846.

Total Number Voting	36
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	0

THE CHAIR:

The bill passes. Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

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PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY 11:00 A.M.  
COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING

REP. VERRENGIA (20TH): Next up is Commissioner Schiro.

COMMISSIONER SCHIRO: Good morning Mr. Chair.

REP. VERRENGIA (20TH); Good morning Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER SCHIRO: So, good morning to all of you. I am Dr. Dora Schiro, Commissioner of the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, and thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of the following bills before you today, and for considering these, our agency's proposals.

The first of the four is SB 846, Security Officer Licenses. THIS PROPOSAL WOULD INSTITUTE A 90-DAY GRACE PERIOD, AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF SECURITY LICENSE FOR RENEWAL AND PROVIDE A \$25 LATE FEE. Currently, there is no provision in Statute that would allow for a grace period after a license expires. This means that any license holder, who is more than one day late, must apply anew for licensure at a cost of about \$165. In addition to the \$165 fee that they would pay, his or her employment as a security guard would also be affected. He or she would not be able to perform those duties pending return of clean fingerprint results from the FBI.

The next of the four bills before you for consideration is House Bill 7094, FINGERPRINTING SERVICES FOR CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECKS. This bill would authorize the commissioner of the department to enter into agreements with independent contractors to solely provide fingerprinting services, not criminal history checks. Between January of 2016 and January of 2017, the Connecticut

COMMISSION SCHRIRO: That's really an excellent question. The advancement of technology and particularly the taking, the electronic taking of fingerprints and then its automatic transmittal has done quite a bit to centralize that. It's also saved applicants a fair amount of time where there are prints that are taken on paper that turn out not to be readable and then have to be redone again, so I think we're moving quickly in that direction. We will continue to follow the technology.

REP. OHLER (64TH): Thank you so much for your time. Thank you Mr. Chair.

REP. VERRENGIA (20TH): Thank you Representative Ohler. Representative Fishbein.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Good morning Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER SCHRIRO: Good morning.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH): Nice to see you again. The security officer proposed bill 846, I know the procedure with regard to fiscal permits is approximately six months prior to the expiration, the department sends a packet to the potential renewer/applicant. Is such a process followed with security guard certifications? Do they send out some sort of packet like that?

COMMISSIONER SCHRIRO: You know, if you, if with your leave Mr. Chair, I have several SME's with me, 90-days ahead of time.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH): Okay, and that's, and I know--and this is a similar procedure as with pistol permits, you have a 90-day window, so I guess the intent is to sort of make this in line to give that

same sort of window. The 7094, the fingerprint situation, I know I've had an opportunity, when I have people call me who are applying for pistol permits and their municipal department smudge prints, and things like that, I usually send them to your headquarters to have this done. Is it the intent to totally defer the public being able to do that to these satellite agencies or satellite groups, or as a backup. What is the intention here?

COMMISSIONER SCHRIRO: Well the, ideally, we would have the private sector taking the prints for us for, but merely taking prints and that could be for either criminal or non-criminal fingerprints, but all of the evaluation that follows is responsibility of the State Police and SBPI in particular.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH): So I had a gentleman the other day who wanted to file for an application for a pardon and part of that process requires fingerprints. It requires a criminal background check. I sent into your department to have his prints taken, so that he could get his criminal background check. How would this process change that? Would he have to go to two different places?

COMMISSIONER SCHRIRO: At once, well as you pointed out, once the fingerprints are taken and if they're within our database, so their electronically taken and transmitted, then it enables us to pull up the current, pull up the most recent criminal history and make a review and then the determination, but if we don't have those prints in our database, then that would be the first step.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH): So, let's say the scenario is that the subcontractor who is taking the prints is located in Meriden, and this person wants to file an

application for a pardon and wants to get the criminal background check, which the most accurate is tied to fingerprints, would that individual have to go to Meriden to have the prints taken and then to your department to have the criminal background check process?

COMMISSIONER SCHRIRO: Well, I don't know that we've worked it all out, but wherever the prints are taken and then they are then transmitted to us, then we can make the evaluation and they will become a part of the database, so that they can be pulled up at any time. Is that what you're asking?

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH): Yeah, I'm just--so I guess this makes it, it potentially belabors the process for the public being able to get these things done, is the way I'm reading this?

COMMISSIONER SCHRIRO: Well, the labor means stretch it out and make it more difficult. This is supposed to expedite it.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH): Well I understand it makes it easier for the department. It alleviates some of the duties of the department. If you could just explain to me, how, given my scenario...

COMMISSIONER SCHRIRO: Uh-huh.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH): How this would make it easier for that person to file their application, or at least to get their criminal background check.

COMMISSIONER SCHRIRO: Well, there's--if--what this speaks to is the taking of a readable print, which then can be entered into the State Police database, so whether you go to a troop now to have your fingerprint taken or to other locations, ideally

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greater in number and as accessible to the population, I don't see that it would make it more difficult. It should make it more convenient for them, coupled with as mentioned before, that in a number of the places, the prints that are taken, are taken by individuals that don't necessarily have the same degree of expertise and so they're not readable, and then that individual has to go back and have it done again. I would see this as being an improvement from a public service, as well as a public safety perspective.

REP. FISHBEIN (90TH): Okay, thank you. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

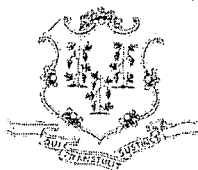
REP. VERRENGIA (20TH): Representative Boyd.

REP. BOYD (50TH): Good morning. Good morning Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER SCHRIRO: Good morning.

REP. BOYD (50TH): First I wanna give you guys a quick shout out. I've worked in municipal emergency management for awhile and particularly during storms and stuff, the press conferences of the municipalities and the availability that your department, as well as the Governor is to local leaders is really good and I know this time of year, you know the Governor doesn't get a lot of nice things said about him, but in my time, he's always been available to municipal leaders during storms and stuff like that, so I commend you guys for opening that and town leadership. A few questions I do have about HB 5671, just kinda looking at the organization of the, of the department. What um, what's kinda your rationale, you talked about opposing this bill. What's kinda the rationale

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Good morning, Senator Larson, Senator Guglielmo, Representative Verrengia, and members of the Public Safety and Security Committee, I am Dr. Dora Schiro, Commissioner of the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the following bills before you today and for considering these, our agency's proposals.

**SB 846- AAC Security Officer Licenses**

This proposal would institute a 90-day grace period after the expiration of a security license for renewal and provide for a \$25 late fee. Currently, there is no provision in statute that would allow for a grace period after a license expires. This means that any license holder who is more than 90 days late, must apply anew for licensure at a cost of approximately \$165. In addition to the \$165 in fees, his or her employment, as a security guard would also be affected. He or she would not be able to perform those duties pending the return of clean fingerprint results from the FBI.

**HB 7094- AAC Fingerprinting Services For Criminal History Background Checks**

This bill would authorize the Commissioner of the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to enter into agreements with independent contractors to solely provide fingerprinting services, not criminal history checks.