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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5209

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE  
PREMIUM RATE INCREASES."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2019, and applicable to policies*  
4 *delivered, issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2019*) (a) Beginning on  
5 January 1, 2019, until December 31, 2029, there shall be imposed a  
6 surcharge at the rate of twelve dollars on the named insured under  
7 each policy of homeowners insurance delivered, issued for delivery,  
8 renewed, amended or endorsed on or after January 1, 2019, for a  
9 personal risk insurance policy on owned dwellings with four or fewer  
10 units or on condominiums. Such surcharge shall not be considered  
11 premium for any purpose.

12 (b) (1) Acting on behalf of, and as a collection agent of the Healthy  
13 Homes Fund established pursuant to section 2 of this act, each  
14 admitted and nonadmitted insurer shall remit to the Insurance  
15 Commissioner, not later than the thirtieth day of April annually, all  
16 surcharges imposed under subsection (a) of this section on the named  
17 insured that were collected during the calendar year next preceding for  
18 each such policy delivered, issued or renewed before January first of  
19 the then current calendar year. Each such remittance shall include  
20 documentation, in the form and manner prescribed by the  
21 commissioner, to substantiate the total surcharge amount being  
22 remitted by such insurer or licensee.

23 (2) All such remittances under subdivision (1) of this subsection,  
24 except for the amount of remittances equal to the cost of funding an  
25 administrative officer position at the Insurance Department to facilitate  
26 the surcharge collection, shall be deposited in the Healthy Homes  
27 Fund established in section 2 of this act. Not later than thirty days after  
28 such deposit in the Healthy Homes Fund, eighty-five per cent of such  
29 deposits shall be transferred to the Crumbling Foundations Assistance  
30 Fund established in section 8-441 of the general statutes.

31 (3) The surcharge imposed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section  
32 shall constitute a special purpose assessment for the purposes of  
33 section 12-211 of the general statutes.

34 (c) The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with  
35 chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement the provisions of this  
36 section.

37 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established an  
38 account to be known as the "Healthy Homes Fund" which shall be a  
39 separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The account  
40 shall contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in the  
41 account. Moneys in the account shall be expended by the Department  
42 of Housing for the purposes of:

43 (1) Funding of not more than one million dollars shall be remitted to

44 the Department of Economic and Community Development to be used  
45 for grants-in-aid to homeowners with homes located in the immediate  
46 vicinity of the West River in the Westville section of New Haven and  
47 Woodbridge for structurally damaged homes due to subsidence and to  
48 homeowners with homes abutting the Yale Golf Course in the  
49 Westville section of New Haven for damage to such homes from water  
50 infiltration or structural damage due to subsidence; and

51 (2) Funding a program, and any related administrative expense, to  
52 reduce health and safety hazards in residential dwellings in  
53 Connecticut, including, but not limited to, lead, radon and other  
54 contaminants or conditions, through removal, remediation, abatement  
55 and other appropriate methods. For purposes of this subdivision,  
56 "administrative expense" means any administrative or other cost or  
57 expense incurred by the Department of Housing in carrying out the  
58 provisions of this section, including, but not limited to the hiring of  
59 necessary employees and entering into necessary contracts.

60 (b) The Department of Housing shall notify the Department of  
61 Public Health not later than thirty days after the deposit of remittances  
62 in the Healthy Homes Fund pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection  
63 (b) of section 1 of this act. Not later than thirty days after the deposit of  
64 remittances pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 1 of  
65 this act, the Department of Public Health shall notify each municipal  
66 health department in the state annually regarding funds available  
67 pursuant to the Healthy Homes Fund established pursuant to  
68 subsection (a) of this section.

69 (c) Not later than January 1, 2020, and annually thereafter, the  
70 Commissioner of Housing shall report to the joint standing committees  
71 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
72 housing, planning and development and appropriations and the  
73 budgets of state agencies, in accordance with section 11-4a of the  
74 general statutes, regarding the status of the Healthy Homes Fund  
75 established pursuant to this section and all moneys deposited into and  
76 expended by the Department of Housing pursuant to said account.

77 Any such report may be submitted electronically."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2019, and applicable to policies delivered, issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2019</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section