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Representative Labriola: New Law Takes Effect October 1



Hartford, CT—State Rep. David Labriola, R-131st, today reminded area residents of a new law that takes effect on Sunday, October 1.

Public Act 06-187 will help protect the interests of senior citizens by requiring companies providing homemaker or companion services to obtain a certificate of registration from the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP). It also gives DCP authority to suspend, revoke, refuse to issue the registration or take other disciplinary measures in response to violations of the law.

Under the new law, these agencies must require new employees to undergo comprehensive background checks and take specified factors into account when making employment decisions based on the checks. Homecare agencies must also provide their clients with written individualized contracts or service plans that identify the scope, type, frequency, and duration of services to be provided. In addition, agencies that enter into a contract with a client's family must detail exact compensation.

“I was proud to be able to support this important legislation,” said Rep. Labriola. “The new law will help protect our seniors from predators and fraud.”