
OLR Bill Analysis**SB 963*****AN ACT CONCERNING CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL FOR MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERSHIPS AND REPAIR SHOPS.*****SUMMARY**

With limited exceptions, the law requires a business applying for a motor vehicle dealer's or repairer's license to show the Department of Motor Vehicles that the municipality where it intends to be has approved its proposed location (i.e., granted a certificate of approval). This bill transfers authority to issue certificates of approval from the municipality's zoning board of appeals (or if none, the entity designated by local law) to its zoning enforcement official (ZEO).

Under the bill, the ZEO must determine whether the proposed location and property use complies with the municipality's zoning regulations. As under existing law, the local building official and fire marshal must also approve these certificates.

By law unchanged by the bill, individuals who are aggrieved by decisions regarding certificates of approval may appeal to the Superior Court after exhausting all administrative remedies (CGS §§ 14-57 & 4-183).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2021

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 17 Nay 9 (03/21/2021)