



Substitute House Bill No. 5317

Public Act No. 23-114

AN ACT CONCERNING ONLINE BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 20-338b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

(a) [Any] Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, any licensed contractor who seeks to obtain a permit from a building official may sign the building permit application personally or delegate the signing of the building permit application to an employee, subcontractor or other agent of the licensed contractor, provided, the licensed contractor's employee, subcontractor or other agent submits to the building official a dated letter on the licensed contractor's letterhead, signed by the licensed contractor, stating that the bearer of the letter is authorized to sign the building permit application as the agent of the licensed contractor. The letter shall not be a copy or a facsimile, but shall be an original letter bearing the original signature of the licensed contractor. The letter shall also include: (1) The name of the municipality where the work is to be performed; (2) the job name or a description of the job; (3) the starting date of the job; (4) the name of the licensed contractor; (5) the name of the licensed contractor's agent; and (6) the license numbers of all contractors to be involved in the work.

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(b) If a building official provides an electronic building permit application, any licensed contractor who seeks to obtain a permit from the building official may complete and submit such electronic application.