

House Bill No. 7046

Public Act No. 17-176

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CLOSURE OF CERTAIN BUILDING PERMITS.

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

Section 1. Section 29-265 of the general statutes is amended by adding subsection (c) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

(NEW) (c) Nine years from the date of issuance of a building permit issued pursuant to section 29-263 for construction or alteration of a one-family dwelling, two-family dwelling or structure located on the same parcel as a one-family dwelling or two-family dwelling, for which construction or alteration a certificate of occupancy, as defined in the regulations adopted pursuant to section 29-252, has not been issued by the building official, such building permit shall be deemed closed. Following such nine-year period, no enforcement action based upon work commenced or completed pursuant to an open building permit shall be commenced. No municipality or officer or employee of any such municipality shall be liable concerning any claim relating to the closure of a building permit pursuant to this section. For the purposes of this section, "structure" has the same meaning as in the zoning regulations for the municipality in which the building permit was issued, or if undefined by such regulations, "structure" means any combination of materials that is affixed to the land, including, but not

limited to, a shed, garage, sign, fence, wall, pool, patio, tennis court or deck.