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**Raised Bill No. 6572**

LCO No. 3034

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:  
(PH)

**AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL AND OTHER CHANGES TO CERTAIN PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 19a-14 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (c) No board shall exist for the following professions that are  
4 licensed or otherwise regulated by the Department of Public Health:

5 (1) Speech pathologist and audiologist;

6 (2) Hearing [aid dealer] instrument specialist;

7 (3) Nursing home administrator;

8 (4) Sanitarian;

9 (5) Subsurface sewage system installer or cleaner;

10 (6) Marital and family therapist;

11 (7) Nurse-midwife;

- 12 (8) Licensed clinical social worker;
- 13 (9) Respiratory care practitioner;
- 14 (10) Asbestos contractor and asbestos consultant;
- 15 (11) Massage therapist;
- 16 (12) Registered nurse's aide;
- 17 (13) Radiographer;
- 18 (14) Dental hygienist;
- 19 (15) Dietitian-Nutritionist;
- 20 (16) Asbestos abatement worker;
- 21 (17) Asbestos abatement site supervisor;
- 22 (18) Licensed or certified alcohol and drug counselor;
- 23 (19) Professional counselor;
- 24 (20) Acupuncturist;
- 25 (21) Occupational therapist and occupational therapist assistant;
- 26 (22) Lead abatement contractor, [~~;~~ and] lead consultant contractor,
- 27 lead consultant, lead abatement supervisor, lead abatement worker,
- 28 inspector and planner-project designer;
- 29 (23) Emergency medical technician, emergency medical technician-
- 30 intermediate, medical response technician and emergency medical
- 31 services instructor;
- 32 (24) Paramedic; and
- 33 ~~[(23)]~~ (25) Nail technician.

34 The department shall assume all powers and duties normally vested  
35 with a board in administering regulatory jurisdiction over [said] such  
36 professions. The uniform provisions of this chapter and chapters 368v,  
37 369 to 381a, inclusive, 383 to 388, inclusive, 393a, 395, 398, 399, 400a  
38 and 400c, including, but not limited to, standards for entry and  
39 renewal; grounds for professional discipline; receiving and processing  
40 complaints; and disciplinary sanctions, shall apply, except as otherwise  
41 provided by law, to the professions listed in this subsection.

42 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 19a-14 of the general statutes, as  
43 amended by section 8 of public act 00-226, is repealed and the  
44 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

45 (c) No board shall exist for the following professions that are  
46 licensed or otherwise regulated by the Department of Public Health:

- 47 (1) Speech pathologist and audiologist;
- 48 (2) Hearing [aid dealer] instrument specialist;
- 49 (3) Nursing home administrator;
- 50 (4) Sanitarian;
- 51 (5) Subsurface sewage system installer or cleaner;
- 52 (6) Marital and family therapist;
- 53 (7) Nurse-midwife;
- 54 (8) Licensed clinical social worker;
- 55 (9) Respiratory care practitioner;
- 56 (10) Asbestos contractor and asbestos consultant;
- 57 (11) Massage therapist;
- 58 (12) Registered nurse's aide;

- 59 (13) Radiographer;
- 60 (14) Dental hygienist;
- 61 (15) Dietitian-Nutritionist;
- 62 (16) Asbestos abatement worker;
- 63 (17) Asbestos abatement site supervisor;
- 64 (18) Licensed or certified alcohol and drug counselor;
- 65 (19) Professional counselor;
- 66 (20) Acupuncturist;
- 67 (21) Occupational therapist and occupational therapist assistant;
- 68 (22) Lead abatement contractor, lead consultant contractor, lead  
69 consultant, lead abatement supervisor, lead abatement worker,  
70 inspector and planner-project designer;
- 71 (23) Emergency medical technician, emergency medical technician-  
72 intermediate, medical response technician and emergency medical  
73 services instructor;
- 74 (24) Paramedic;
- 75 [(23)] (25) Nail technician; and
- 76 [(24)] (26) Athletic trainer.

77 The department shall assume all powers and duties normally vested  
78 with a board in administering regulatory jurisdiction over [said] such  
79 professions. The uniform provisions of this chapter and chapters 368v,  
80 369 to 381a, inclusive, 383 to 388, inclusive, 393a, 395, 398, 399, 400a  
81 and 400c, including, but not limited to, standards for entry and  
82 renewal; grounds for professional discipline; receiving and processing  
83 complaints; and disciplinary sanctions, shall apply, except as otherwise

84 provided by law, to the professions listed in this subsection.

85 Sec. 3. Section 19a-179 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
86 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

87 The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with  
88 chapter 54, concerning (1) the methods and conditions for the issuance,  
89 renewal and reinstatement of licensure and certification or  
90 recertification of emergency medical service personnel, (2) the methods  
91 and conditions for licensure and certification of the operations,  
92 facilities and equipment enumerated in section 19a-177, and  
93 [regulations regarding] (3) complaint procedures for the public and  
94 any emergency medical service organization. Such regulations shall be  
95 in conformity with the policies and standards established by the  
96 commissioner. Such regulations shall require that, as an express  
97 condition of the purchase of any business holding a primary service  
98 area, the purchaser shall agree to abide by any performance standards  
99 to which the purchased business was obligated pursuant to its  
100 agreement with the municipality.

101 Sec. 4. Section 19a-423 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
102 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

103 (a) Upon the denial of an application [of] for an original youth camp  
104 license under this chapter, the commissioner shall notify the applicant  
105 in writing of such denial, by mailing a notice to [him] the applicant at  
106 the applicant's address shown on [his] the application. [Any applicant  
107 aggrieved by such denial may appeal therefrom in accordance with the  
108 provisions of section 19a-424.]

109 (b) The commissioner may suspend, revoke or refuse to renew the  
110 license of any youth camp regulated and licensed under this chapter if  
111 the licensee: (1) Is convicted of any offense involving moral turpitude,  
112 the record of conviction being conclusive evidence thereof; (2) is  
113 legally adjudicated insane or mentally incompetent, the record of such  
114 adjudication being conclusive evidence thereof; (3) uses any narcotic or

115 any controlled drug, as defined in section 21a-240, to an extent or in a  
116 manner that such use impairs [his] the licensee's ability to properly  
117 care for children; (4) consistently fails to maintain standards prescribed  
118 and published by the [Department of Public Health] department; (5)  
119 furnishes or makes any misleading or any false statement or report to  
120 the department; (6) refuses to submit to the department any reports or  
121 refuses to make available to the department any records required by it  
122 in investigating the facility for licensing purposes; (7) fails or refuses to  
123 submit to an investigation or inspection by the department or to admit  
124 authorized representatives of the department at any reasonable time  
125 for the purpose of investigation, inspection or licensing; (8) fails to  
126 provide, maintain, equip and keep in safe and sanitary condition  
127 premises established for or used by the campers pursuant to minimum  
128 standards prescribed by the [Department of Public Health] department  
129 or by ordinances or regulations applicable to the location of such  
130 facility; or (9) wilfully or deliberately violates any of the provisions of  
131 this chapter.

132 Sec. 5. Section 19a-424 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
133 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

134 Any [applicant or] licensee aggrieved by the action of the  
135 [Commissioner of Public Health] commissioner in [denying,]  
136 suspending or revoking any license under the provisions of this  
137 chapter may appeal therefrom in accordance with the provisions of  
138 section 4-183.

139 Sec. 6. Subsection (c) of section 20-402a of the general statutes is  
140 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

141 (c) Every hearing [aid dealer] instrument specialist, audiologist,  
142 corporation, partnership, trust, association or like organization that  
143 engages in the sale of hearing aids at retail shall include in every  
144 receipt, contract or order pertaining to the sale of a hearing aid, in  
145 reasonable proximity to the space reserved for the signature of the  
146 buyer, or on the first page if there is no space reserved for the

147 signature of the buyer, a clear and conspicuous disclosure of the  
148 following specific statement in all capital letters of no less than twelve  
149 point boldface type of uniform font and in an easily readable style:  
150 ANY BUYER WHO ORDERS A HEARING AID AND LEAVES A  
151 DEPOSIT OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS OR MORE WITH THE  
152 SELLER SHALL BE ENTITLED TO CANCEL SUCH ORDER AND  
153 DEMAND A FULL REFUND OF SUCH DEPOSIT, LESS ANY  
154 EXAMINATION COSTS, IF THE BUYER IS UNABLE TO INSPECT  
155 THE HEARING AID AT THE SELLER'S PLACE OF BUSINESS  
156 WITHIN FORTY-FIVE DAYS AFTER THE DATE THE SELLER  
157 RECEIVES THE DEPOSIT.

158 Sec. 7. Subdivision (7) of section 20-413 of the general statutes is  
159 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

160 (7) The activity and services of hearing [aid dealers] instrument  
161 specialists.

162 Sec. 8. Section 18 of public act 00-135 is repealed.

163 Sec. 9. This act shall take effect October 1, 2001, except that section 2  
164 shall take effect the later of October 1, 2001, or on the date notice is  
165 published by the Commissioner of Public Health in the Connecticut  
166 Law Journal indicating that the licensing of athletic trainers and  
167 physical therapist assistants is being implemented by the  
168 commissioner.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To update the listing of certain health and environmental practitioners licensed or certified by the Department of Public Health for which there are no boards, to authorize the department to adopt regulations concerning requirements for licensure and certification of emergency medical service personnel, to standardize procedures for initial youth camp licensing applications, to repeal a provision for automatic renewal of a nursing license that expired in 1998 or 1999, and to make technical changes.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*