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Referred to Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding

Introduced by:
(FIN)

**AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN LICENSURE FEES AND AN
OCCUPATIONAL TAX.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 19a-88 of the general
2 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) Each person holding a license to practice [dentistry,] optometry,
4 midwifery or dental hygiene shall, annually, during the month of such
5 person's birth, and, on and after July 1, 2002, in the case of a person
6 holding a license to practice dentistry, biennially during such month,
7 register with the Department of Public Health, upon payment of the
8 professional services fee for class I, as defined in section 33-182l in the
9 case of a dentist, the professional services fee for class H, as defined in
10 section 33-182l in the case of an optometrist, five dollars in the case of a
11 midwife, and fifty dollars in the case of a dental hygienist, on blanks to
12 be furnished by the department for such purpose, giving such person's
13 name in full, such person's residence and business address and such
14 other information as the department requests.

15 (b) [Each] On and after July 1, 2002, each person holding a license to

16 practice medicine, surgery, podiatry, chiropractic or natureopathy
17 shall, [annually] biennially, during the month of such person's birth,
18 register with the Department of Public Health, upon payment of the
19 professional services fee for class I, as defined in section 33-182l, on
20 blanks to be furnished by the department for such purpose, giving
21 such person's name in full, such person's residence and business
22 address and such other information as the department requests.

23 Sec. 2. Section 20-14b of the general statutes is repealed and the
24 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

25 Licenses issued under this chapter shall be renewed annually, on
26 and after January 1, 1981, and biennially, on and after July 1, 2002, in
27 accordance with the provisions of section 19a-88.

28 Sec. 3. Section 20-191a of the general statutes is repealed and the
29 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

30 [Each] On and after July 1, 2002, each license issued under this
31 chapter shall be renewed [annually] biennially in accordance with the
32 provisions of section 19a-88. Thirty days prior to the expiration date of
33 each license under said section 19a-88, the department shall mail to the
34 last-known address of each licensed psychologist an application for
35 renewal in such form as said department determines. Each such
36 application, on or before such expiration date, shall be returned to said
37 department, together with a fee of the professional services fee for
38 class I, as defined in section 33-182l, and the department shall
39 thereupon issue a renewal license. In the event of failure of a
40 psychologist to apply for such renewal license by such expiration date,
41 [he] such psychiatrist may so apply subject to the provisions of
42 subsection (b) of said section 19a-88.

43 Sec. 4. Section 20-102 of the general statutes is repealed and the
44 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

45 [Said] On and after July 1, 2002, said department shall, [annually]

46 biennially in accordance with the provisions of section 19a-88, issue to
47 each licensed veterinarian in the state, presenting an application for
48 renewal of [his] the license accompanied by the professional services
49 fee for class I, as defined in section 33-182l, a receipt stating the fact of
50 such payment, which receipt shall be a license to follow such practice
51 for [one year] two years.

52 Sec. 5. Section 20-281d of the general statutes is repealed and the
53 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

54 (a) The board shall issue or renew licenses to persons who make
55 application and demonstrate their qualifications therefor in accordance
56 with subsections (b) to (g), inclusive, of this section.

57 (b) [Licenses] On and after July 1, 2002, licenses shall be initially
58 issued for [one year] two years and renewed [annually] biennially.
59 Applications for such licenses shall be made in such form, and in the
60 case of applications for renewal, between such dates, as the board shall
61 by regulation specify.

62 (c) An applicant for initial issuance of a license under this section
63 shall show:

64 (1) That [he] such applicant holds a valid certificate;

65 (2) If the applicant's certificate was issued more than four years
66 prior to [his] such applicant's application for issuance of an initial
67 license under this section, that [he] such applicant has fulfilled the
68 requirements of continuing professional education that would have
69 been applicable under subsection (e) of this section if [he] such
70 applicant had secured [his] the initial license within four years of
71 issuance of [his] the certificate and was now applying under
72 subsection (e) of this section for renewal of such license.

73 (d) The board shall issue a certificate to a holder of a certificate
74 issued by another state upon a showing that:

75 (1) The applicant passed the examination required for issuance of
76 [his] such applicant's certificate with grades that would have been
77 passing grades at the time in this state; and

78 (2) The applicant meets all current requirements in this state for
79 issuance of a certificate at the time the application is made; or the
80 applicant, at the time of the issuance of the applicant's certificate in the
81 other state, met all such requirements then applicable in this state; or
82 the applicant has had five years of experience outside of this state in
83 the practice of public accountancy or meets equivalent requirements
84 prescribed by the board by regulation, after passing the examination
85 upon which [his] the certificate was based and within the ten years
86 immediately preceding [his] the application.

87 (e) For renewal of a license under this section an applicant shall
88 show that [he] such applicant has completed forty hours of continuing
89 professional education during each year from the date of issuance or
90 last renewal. The board may prescribe, by regulation, the content,
91 duration and organization of continuing professional education
92 courses which contribute to the general professional competence of the
93 applicant.

94 (f) The board shall charge a fee of seventy-five dollars for the initial
95 issuance and the professional services fee for class I, as defined in
96 section 33-182l, for each [annual] biennial renewal of such license.

97 (g) Applicants for initial issuance or renewal of licenses under this
98 section shall in their applications list all states in which they have
99 applied for or hold certificates or licenses, and each holder of or
100 applicant for a license under this section shall notify the board in
101 writing, within thirty days after its occurrence, of any issuance, denial,
102 revocation or suspension of a certificate or license by another state.

103 Sec. 6. Subsection (b) of section 20-432 of the general statutes is
104 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

105 (b) Each salesman who receives a certificate pursuant to this chapter
106 shall pay a fee of [forty] thirty dollars annually. Each contractor who
107 receives a certificate pursuant to this chapter shall pay a fee of [one
108 hundred] seventy-five dollars annually to the guaranty fund. Said fee
109 shall be payable with the fee for an application for a certificate or
110 renewal thereof. The annual fee for a contractor who receives a
111 certificate of registration as a home improvement contractor acting
112 solely as the contractor of record for a corporation, shall be waived,
113 provided the contractor of record shall use such registration for the
114 sole purpose of directing, supervising or performing home
115 improvements for such corporation.

116 Sec. 7. Section 20-435 of the general statutes is repealed and the
117 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

118 On and after one year following the effective date of regulations
119 adopted pursuant to section 20-440, no person shall provide services as
120 an asbestos contractor in this state without a license issued by the
121 commissioner. Applications for such license shall be made to the
122 department on forms provided by it, shall be accompanied by a fee of
123 five hundred dollars and shall contain such information regarding the
124 applicant's qualifications as the department may require in regulations
125 adopted pursuant to section 20-440, including, but not limited to,
126 demonstrating that all employees have passed a training course
127 approved by the department and have been issued a certificate by the
128 department. The department shall approve the technical, equipment
129 and personnel resources of each applicant. No person shall be issued a
130 license to act as an asbestos contractor unless he obtains such approval.
131 The commissioner may issue a license under this section to any person
132 who is licensed in another state under a law which provides standards
133 which are equal to or higher than those of Connecticut and is not
134 subject to any unresolved complaints or pending disciplinary actions.
135 [Licenses] On and after July 1, 2002, licenses issued pursuant to this
136 section shall be renewed [annually] biennially in accordance with the
137 provisions of section 19a-88 upon payment of a fee of five hundred

138 dollars.

139 Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 20-475 of the general statutes is
140 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

141 (a) On and after the effective date of regulations adopted pursuant
142 to section 20-478, no entity shall hold itself out as a lead abatement
143 contractor or lead consultant contractor, or to principally engage in
144 such work in this state without a license issued by the Commissioner
145 of Public Health. Applications for such license shall be made to the
146 department on forms provided by it, and shall be accompanied by a
147 fee of five hundred dollars, and shall contain such information
148 regarding the applicant's qualifications as the department may require
149 in regulations adopted pursuant to said section 20-478 including, but
150 not limited to, demonstrating that all employees of any applicant who
151 require certification pursuant to subsections (e) and (f) of section 19a-
152 88 and sections 20-474 to 20-482, inclusive, are certified by the
153 department. The department shall review the technical, equipment and
154 personnel resources of each applicant. No person shall be issued a
155 license to act as a lead abatement contractor or lead consultant
156 contractor unless he obtains such approval. The commissioner may
157 issue a license under this section to any person who is licensed in
158 another state under a law which provides standards which are equal to
159 or higher than those of Connecticut and is not subject to any
160 unresolved complaints or pending disciplinary actions. [Licenses] On
161 and after July 1, 2002, licenses issued pursuant to this section shall be
162 renewed [annually] biennially in accordance with the provisions of
163 section 19a-88 upon payment of a fee of five hundred dollars.

164 Sec. 9. Subsection (a) of section 51-81b of the general statutes is
165 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

166 (a) Any person who has been admitted as an attorney by the judges
167 of the Superior Court shall annually on or before January fifteenth file
168 an annual return prescribed or furnished by the Commissioner of
169 Revenue Services. If any such person was engaged in the practice of

170 law in the year preceding the year in which an occupational tax is due
171 hereunder, such person, unless exempted under this section, shall,
172 [annually on or before January fifteenth] on or before January 15, 2004,
173 and biennially thereafter, pay to the Commissioner of Revenue
174 Services a tax in the amount of four hundred fifty dollars.

175 Sec. 10. The biennium beginning July 1, 2001, shall be the first
176 biennium for which sections 1 to 5, inclusive, and 7 to 9, inclusive, of
177 this act shall be effective. Any license the renewal requirements for
178 which are amended in said sections and which license was required to
179 be renewed during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, shall be
180 renewed on or before the same date in the fiscal year ending June 30,
181 2002, and shall be renewed biennially thereafter.

182 Sec. 11. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, except that section 9
183 shall take effect July 1, 2002.

Statement of Purpose:

To make those professional license fees which are four hundred fifty dollars or more renewable biennially instead of annually and to reduce the excess funds transferred to the General Fund from the Home Improvement Guaranty Fund.

[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.]