



**AN ACT CONCERNING THE LICENSING OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS
INFRASTRUCTURE LAYOUT TECHNICIANS.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (a) As used in this section and section 2 of this act:

2 (1) "Telecommunications infrastructure layout technician" means an
3 individual licensed by the Department of Consumer Protection
4 pursuant to this section, to produce telecommunications infrastructure
5 designs that comply with nationally recognized standards;

6 (2) "Telecommunications infrastructure layout" means the preparing
7 and producing of telecommunications infrastructure design and shop
8 drawings to be used for the installation, alteration or modification of a
9 telecommunications infrastructure; and

10 (3) "Nationally recognized standards" means the National Electric
11 Code NFPA-70, the ANSI/TIA/EIA 568-A Commercial Building
12 Telecommunications Cabling Standard, the ANSI/EIA/TIA-569-A
13 Commercial Building Standard for Telecommunications Pathways and
14 Spaces, the ANSI/EIA/TIA-570 Residential and Light Commercial
15 Telecommunications Wiring Standard and all other ANSI approved
16 installation standards or the equivalent thereof.

17 (b) No individual shall practice as a telecommunications
18 infrastructure layout technician unless the individual has obtained a

19 license from the Department of Consumer Protection issued pursuant
20 to this section. The department shall issue a telecommunications
21 infrastructure layout technician license as a pocket identification card,
22 of such size and design as the Commissioner of Consumer Protection
23 may prescribe, which card shall contain a photograph of the individual
24 to whom issued, the name and business address of such individual, the
25 license number and date of its expiration and the imprint or impress of
26 the seal of the state of Connecticut. Such card shall be carried upon the
27 individual to whom issued at all times when engaged in the activities
28 of the business, which card shall be evidence of due authorization
29 pursuant to the terms of this section. All individuals to whom such
30 identification cards have been issued shall be responsible for the safe
31 keeping of the same and shall not lend, enable, let or allow any other
32 individual to have, hold, possess or display such identification card,
33 and no individual shall possess, hold or display any identification card
34 or facsimile thereof, that is not duly authorized and issued by the
35 commissioner pursuant to this section to any individual who: (1)
36 Completes a certified communication designer program or a
37 community college approved program that assures industry standards
38 in telecommunications infrastructure design; (2) submits an
39 application pursuant to subsection (c) of this section deemed
40 acceptable by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection; and (3) at the
41 time of application, has held for not less than five years and continues
42 to hold a valid E, C, L or T license under the Electrical Work Board or
43 public service technician certificate of registration issued pursuant to
44 section 20-340b of the general statutes, or has other equivalent
45 experience and training as required under an E, C, L or T license. The
46 fee for a telecommunications infrastructure layout technician license is
47 one hundred fifty dollars.

48 (c) Each applicant shall submit a typewritten application for
49 licensure as a telecommunications infrastructure layout technician on
50 forms prescribed and furnished by the Department of Consumer
51 Protection. The applicant shall include the names and addresses of
52 three or more individuals familiar with the applicant's education and

53 work experience. The applicant shall attach to the application a recent
54 two inch by two inch color photograph of the applicant's face and
55 include a nonrefundable application fee. Such application fee is
56 seventy-five dollars.

57 (d) The Department of Consumer Protection shall notify, by mail,
58 each individual licensed pursuant to this section of the annual date of
59 expiration of such license. Each individual requesting a renewal shall
60 apply in the manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Consumer
61 Protection. Such renewal fee is one hundred fifty dollars.

62 (e) Each licensee shall obtain a seal from the Department of
63 Consumer Protection. The licensee shall sign and apply the seal to all
64 documentation required by statute concerning work within the scope
65 of the telecommunications infrastructure layout technician license. If
66 such documentation is more than one page and bound together, the
67 licensee may sign and apply the seal to one page, unless such
68 documentation concerns filing plans for a building permit or
69 appurtenant structures where the licensee shall sign and apply the seal
70 to every page. No licensee shall sign or apply the seal to any
71 documentation that such licensee did not supervise the preparation of.

72 (f) If, after notice and opportunity for hearing as provided in
73 regulations adopted by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection in
74 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes,
75 the Department of Consumer Protection determines that: (1) Negligent
76 or incompetent work within the scope of a license issued pursuant to
77 this section is performed by a licensee; or (2) the licensee engages in
78 conduct of a character likely to mislead, deceive or defraud the
79 department or the public, the department may issue an appropriate
80 order to such licensee providing for the immediate discontinuance of
81 such negligent or incompetent work or conduct.

82 (g) Any person who is a professional engineer licensed in
83 accordance with the provisions of chapter 391 of the general statutes
84 shall be exempt from the licensure provisions of this section.

85 Sec. 2. (NEW) If a permit is required pursuant to section 29-263 of
86 the general statutes in connection with the construction or alteration of
87 a building or structure and working drawings are used for the
88 installation, alteration or modification of a telecommunications
89 infrastructure, no state, city, town or borough building official
90 responsible for the enforcement of laws, ordinances or regulations
91 relating to the construction or alteration of buildings or structures,
92 shall accept or approve any such drawings or specifications that are
93 not accompanied by evidence of licensure as a telecommunications
94 infrastructure layout technician licensed pursuant to section 1 of this
95 act unless accompanied by evidence of licensure as a professional
96 engineer in accordance with chapter 391 of the general statutes.

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