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

1 Before the effective date section, insert the following and renumber
2 the remaining section accordingly:

3 "(i) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require any plans,
4 designs, drawings or similar materials used by a public service
5 technician, as defined in section 20-340b of the general statutes, as
6 amended by this act, in connection with telecommunications electrical
7 work performed by such public service technician to be signed by a
8 telecommunications infrastructure layout technician.

9 Sec. 2. Section 20-340b of the general statutes is repealed and the
10 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

11 (a) As used in this section:

12 (1) "Telecommunications electrical work" means work permitted to
13 be performed by holders of a limited electrical contractor's license (T-1)
14 as provided by regulation adopted under this chapter.

15 (2) "Public service technician" means an employee of a public service
16 company or certified telecommunications provider, as defined in
17 section 16-1, or any affiliate of any such company or provider, who is
18 engaged in telecommunications electrical work and who is not
19 otherwise exempt from licensing pursuant to section 20-340.

20 (b) Notwithstanding any provisions of this chapter, to the contrary,
21 a public service technician may be issued a certificate of registration by
22 the Department of Consumer Protection, upon authorization of the
23 Electrical Work Board, in lieu of any license which otherwise might be
24 required under this chapter, which shall entitle the holder of such
25 certificate to perform telecommunications electrical work only as
26 provided in this section, provided the public service company,
27 certified telecommunications provider or [its] affiliate which employs
28 the public service technician certifies to the Electrical Work Board that
29 the employee has obtained such training and experience deemed
30 necessary by the public service company, certified telecommunications
31 provider or [its] affiliate to perform telecommunications electrical
32 work included in such employee's job functions.

33 (c) The content and duration of the training and experience
34 programs provided by the public service company, certified
35 telecommunications provider or [its] affiliate must be relevant to the
36 duties of the employee and must be approved biennially by the Labor
37 Department. In reviewing the programs and training provided by a
38 public service company, certified telecommunications provider or [its]
39 affiliate, the Labor Department shall consider the specialization of the
40 employees of the company or provider, the employee's previous
41 company or provider training, the service record of the company or
42 provider, the experience of the company or provider in training
43 employees to perform telecommunications electrical work, and the
44 quality assurance measures used by the company or provider.

45 (d) An employee enrolled in the [company's] training programs of
46 the public service company or certified telecommunications provider
47 shall be issued a trainee's certificate by such company or provider,
48 valid for the duration of the training program, and may perform
49 telecommunications electrical work only under the supervision of an
50 employee of the public service company, certified telecommunications
51 provider or [its] affiliate who is a registered public service technician
52 or holds a journeyman's license.

53 (e) A public service company or certified telecommunications
54 provider employing a public service technician shall inform the
55 Electrical Work Board upon the change in job description or
56 termination of any registered public service technician previously
57 certified to the board pursuant to subsection (b) of this section and
58 upon the issuance or termination of a trainee's certificate provided to
59 an employee pursuant to subsection (d) of this section.

60 (f) A registered public service technician or employee of a public
61 service company, certified telecommunications provider or [its]
62 affiliate issued a trainee's certificate by such company or provider may
63 only perform such work on behalf of such public service company,
64 certified telecommunications provider or [its] affiliate and only while
65 in the direct employment of such public service company, certified
66 telecommunications provider or [its] affiliate. Such registration or
67 trainee's certificate will be immediately relinquished upon termination
68 of employment from such public service company, certified
69 telecommunications provider or [its] affiliate.

70 (g) A registered public service technician may not supervise any
71 duly registered apprentice performing work under a permit issued
72 pursuant to subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 20-334a.

73 (h) The public service technician's registration shall expire annually.
74 The fee for registration as a public service technician shall be the same
75 fee as that charged for a journeyman's license under section 20-335.

76 (i) Registered public service technicians shall be subject to the same

77 disciplinary actions as journeymen, including, but not limited to,
78 actions authorized under sections 20-334, 20-341 and 21a-9.

79 (j) Supervisory personnel of a public service company, certified
80 telecommunications provider or [its] affiliate authorized to employ
81 registered public service technicians pursuant to this section may act as
82 an agent of such company or provider for the purpose of taking out a
83 permit pursuant to section 20-332-16(b) of the regulations of
84 Connecticut state agencies.

85 (k) In lieu of displaying a contractor's license number pursuant to
86 section 20-334, each public service company, certified
87 telecommunications provider or [its] affiliate authorized pursuant to
88 this section to employ registered public service technicians shall
89 display its name, logo or other trademark which clearly identifies the
90 company or provider on all commercial vehicles used in its business
91 and in a conspicuous manner on all printed advertisements, bid
92 proposals, contracts, invoices and on all stationery used in its
93 business."