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**"AN ACT CONCERNING LICENSES ISSUED BY THE  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH."**

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- 1 In line 6, strike "during each twelve-month period that"
- 2 Strike line 7 in its entirety
- 3 In line 8, strike "in" and insert "during each registration period of  
4 this section, "registration period" means the one-year period for which  
5 a license or certificate has been renewed in accordance with" in lieu  
6 thereof
- 7 In line 25, strike "that immediately precedes the date of completion  
8 of"
- 9 In line 26, strike "the course or other offering" and insert "for which  
10 the continuing education credit hours apply" in lieu thereof
- 11 In line 32, strike "during the year immediately following the date on  
12 which"

13 In line 33, strike "the licensee's license is renewed" and insert "who  
14 is applying for license renewal"

15 In line 45, strike "On" and insert "Applicants for licensure who  
16 graduate from an approved school or college of natureopathy on"

17 In line 45, strike "no"

18 In line 46, strike "person" and after "shall" insert "not"

19 In line 48, insert an opening bracket before "The"

20 In line 50, insert a closing bracket after "board."

21 In line 71, insert an opening bracket before "Any"

22 In line 74, insert a closing bracket after "natureopathy."

23 In line 100, strike "19a-17 or"

24 In line 103, strike "on or before October 1, 2003" and insert "within  
25 twelve months of the effective date of this section" in lieu thereof

26 In line 111, strike "six" and insert "twenty" in lieu thereof

27 In line 114, strike "Department of"

28 In line 115, strike "Public Health, educational offerings sponsored by  
29 a hospital or other"

30 Strike line 116 in its entirety

31 In line 117, strike "accredited academic institution." and insert  
32 "Connecticut Certification Board. Other qualifying continuing  
33 education activities include educational offerings sponsored by a  
34 hospital or other licensed healthcare institution or courses offered by  
35 regionally accredited academic institutions. An alcohol or drug  
36 counselor licensed or certified pursuant to chapter 376b of the general  
37 statutes, who instructs such educational activities shall be eligible, one  
38 time, for the same continuing education credit available to those

39 licensed or certified counselors attending such activities. Such alcohol  
40 or drug counselors who are faculty members of academic institutions  
41 shall not be eligible for such continuing education credit." in lieu  
42 thereof

43 In line 136, strike "on or before October 1, 2003" and insert "within  
44 twelve months of the effective date of this section" in lieu thereof

45 Strike section 6 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

46 "Sec. 6. Subsection (i) of section 20-8a of the general statutes is  
47 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
48 *October 1, 2002*):

49 (i) Except in a case in which a license has been summarily  
50 suspended, pursuant to subsection (c) of section 19a-17 or subsection  
51 (c) of section 4-182, all three panel members shall be present to hear  
52 any evidence and vote on a proposed final decision. The chairperson of  
53 the Medical Examining Board may exempt a member from a meeting  
54 of the panel if the chairperson finds that good cause exists for such an  
55 exemption. Such an exemption may be granted orally but shall be  
56 reduced to writing and included as part of the record of the panel  
57 within two business days of the granting of the exemption or the  
58 opening of the record and shall state the reason for the exemption.  
59 Such exemption shall be granted to a member no more than once  
60 during any contested case and shall not be granted for a meeting at  
61 which the panel is acting on a proposed final decision on a statement  
62 of charges. No more than one panel member shall be exempted during  
63 any contested case and of the two remaining panel members, one shall  
64 be a physician. The board may appoint a member to the panel to  
65 replace any member who resigns or otherwise fails to continue to serve  
66 on the panel. Such replacement member shall review the record prior  
67 to the next hearing.

68 Sec. 7. (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Public Health, in  
69 consultation with one or more institutions of higher education and one  
70 or more hospitals, may, within available appropriations, develop a

71 grant related to children with special health care needs in order to  
72 improve access to extended home care services that may include (1) a  
73 state-wide nursing pool, (2) home care agency certification for a  
74 continuum of professional pediatric home care skills, (3) hospital-  
75 based in-service training, and (4) a data feedback system to the  
76 department for children requiring extended home care services and  
77 the ratio of filled to unfilled hours. The department, in conjunction  
78 with one or more institutions of higher education and one or more  
79 hospitals, may seek private or federal funds to pay for costs associated  
80 with the development of such grant.

81 Sec. 8. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
82 section 20-236 of the general statutes, during the period commencing  
83 on the effective date of this section and ending thirty days after said  
84 date, the Department of Public Health may issue a license as a barber,  
85 under chapter 386 of the general statutes, to any applicant who  
86 presents to the department satisfactory evidence that the applicant has  
87 practiced barbering, as defined in section 20-234 of the general statutes,  
88 for a minimum of twenty years immediately preceding the date of the  
89 application.

90 Sec. 9. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2002*) As used in this section,  
91 "homeopathic physician" means a physician who prescribes the single  
92 remedy in the minimum dose in potentized form, selected from the  
93 law of similars.

94 (b) No person shall practice as a homeopathic physician until such  
95 person has obtained a license to practice medicine and surgery from  
96 the Department of Public Health pursuant to chapter 370 of the general  
97 statutes. No license as a homeopathic physician shall be required of a  
98 graduate of any school or institution giving instruction in the healing  
99 arts who is completing a post-graduate medical training in  
100 homeopathy pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

101 (c) Applicants for licensure as a homeopathic physician shall, in  
102 addition to meeting the requirements of section 20-10 of the general

103 statutes, have successfully completed not less than one hundred  
104 twenty hours of post-graduate medical training in homeopathy offered  
105 by an institution approved by the Connecticut Homeopathic Medical  
106 Examining Board under section 20-8 of the general statutes or the  
107 American Institute of Homeopathy, or one hundred twenty hours of  
108 post-graduate medical training in homeopathy under the direct  
109 supervision of a licensed homeopathic physician, which shall consist of  
110 thirty hours of theory and ninety hours of clinical practice. Said  
111 Connecticut Homeopathic Medical Examining Board shall approve  
112 any training completed under the direct supervision of a licensed  
113 homeopathic physician.

114 Sec. 10. Section 20-198 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
115 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2002*):

116 No person shall be granted such a license until the department finds  
117 that he (1) [was] graduated with the degree of doctor of veterinary  
118 medicine, or its equivalent, from a school of veterinary medicine,  
119 surgery or dentistry which, at the time such person graduated, was  
120 accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association if such  
121 school is located in the United States, its territories or Canada, or (2) if  
122 graduated from a school located outside of the United States, its  
123 territories or Canada, has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the  
124 department that he has completed a degree program equivalent in  
125 level, content and purpose to the degree of doctor of veterinary  
126 medicine as granted by a school of veterinary medicine, surgery or  
127 dentistry [which] that is accredited by the American Veterinary  
128 Medical Association. No person [who was] that graduated from a  
129 school of veterinary medicine, surgery or dentistry [which] that is  
130 located outside the United States, its territories or Canada shall be  
131 granted a license unless he has also received certification from the  
132 Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates. [of the  
133 American Veterinary Medical Association.] The department may,  
134 under such regulations as the Commissioner of Public Health may  
135 adopt, with the advice and assistance of the board, deny eligibility for  
136 licensure to a graduate of a school [which has] that was been found to

137 have provided fraudulent or inaccurate documentation regarding  
138 either the school's educational program or the academic credentials of  
139 graduates of the school's program or to have failed to meet educational  
140 standards prescribed in such regulations.

141 Sec. 11. Section 20-200 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
142 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2002*):

143 [The Department of Public Health may without examination issue a  
144 license to any veterinarian of good professional character who is  
145 licensed and practicing in some other state or territory, having  
146 requirements for admission determined by the department to be at  
147 least equal to the requirements of this state, upon certificate from the  
148 board of examiners or like board of the state or territory in which such  
149 veterinarian was a practitioner certifying to his competency and that  
150 he is a veterinarian of professional attainment and upon the payment  
151 of a fee of four hundred fifty dollars to said department. The]  
152 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 20-198, as amended by this  
153 act, the Department of Public Health, may, upon payment of a fee of  
154 four hundred fifty dollars, [issue a license without examination] grant  
155 a license by endorsement to a currently practicing, competent  
156 veterinarian in another state or territory who [(1) graduated with the  
157 degree of doctor of veterinary medicine, or its equivalent, from a  
158 school of veterinary medicine, surgery or dentistry which at the time  
159 he graduated was accredited by the American Veterinary Medical  
160 Association; (2)] holds a current valid license in good professional  
161 standing issued after examination by another state or territory [which]  
162 that maintains licensing standards [which, except for examination,]  
163 that are commensurate with this state's standards. [, and (3) has  
164 worked continuously as a licensed veterinarian in an academic or  
165 clinical setting in another state or territory for a period of not less than  
166 five years immediately preceding the application for licensure without  
167 examination.] No license shall be issued under this section to any  
168 applicant against whom professional disciplinary action is pending or  
169 who is the subject of an unresolved complaint. The department shall  
170 inform the board annually of the number of applications it receives for

171 licensure under this section.

172 Sec. 12. Section 20-74c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
173 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2002*):

174 [The commissioner may waive the examination for any person  
175 certified as an occupational therapist registered (OTR) or as a certified  
176 occupational therapy assistant (COTA) by the American Occupational  
177 Therapy Association, if the commissioner considers the requirements  
178 for certification to be equivalent to the requirements for licensure in  
179 this chapter. The commissioner may waive the examination for any  
180 applicant who shall present proof of current licensure as an  
181 occupational therapist or an occupational therapy assistant in another  
182 state, the District of Columbia, or any territory of the United States  
183 which requires standards for licensure considered by the  
184 commissioner to be equivalent to the requirements for licensure of this  
185 chapter in respect to examination, education, and experience.]  
186 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 20-74b, the Department of  
187 Public Health may grant a license by endorsement to an occupational  
188 therapist or an occupational therapy assistant who presents  
189 satisfactory evidence to the commissioner that the applicant is licensed  
190 or certified as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy  
191 assistant or as a person entitled to perform similar services under a  
192 different designation in another state or jurisdiction that has  
193 requirements for performing in such capacity that are substantially  
194 similar to or higher than those of this state. No license shall be issued  
195 under this section to any applicant against whom professional  
196 disciplinary action is pending or who is the subject of an unresolved  
197 complaint.

198 Sec. 13. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2002*) Notwithstanding the  
199 provisions of section 20-37 of the general statutes, the Department of  
200 Public Health may grant a license by endorsement to a natureopathic  
201 physician who presents satisfactory evidence to the commissioner that  
202 the applicant is licensed or certified as a natureopathic physician, or as  
203 a person entitled to perform similar services under a different

204 designation, in another state or jurisdiction whose requirements for  
205 practicing in such capacity are substantially similar to or higher than  
206 those of this state. The department may require such applicant to  
207 provide satisfactory evidence that the applicant understands  
208 Connecticut laws and regulations relating to the practice of  
209 natureopathy. The fee for such license shall be four hundred fifty  
210 dollars. No license shall be issued under this section to any applicant  
211 against whom professional disciplinary action is pending or who is the  
212 subject of an unresolved complaint.

213 Sec. 14. Subsection (a) of section 20-90 of the general statutes is  
214 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
215 *October 1, 2002*):

216 (a) Said board may adopt a seal. The Commissioner of Public  
217 Health, with advice and assistance from the board, and in consultation  
218 with the State Board of Education, shall [promulgate] adopt  
219 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, permitting and setting  
220 standards for courses for the training of practical nurses to be offered  
221 in high schools and vocational schools for students who have not yet  
222 acquired a high school diploma. Students who satisfactorily complete  
223 courses approved by said Board of Examiners for Nursing, with the  
224 consent of the Commissioner of Public Health, as meeting such  
225 standards shall be given credit for each such course toward the  
226 requirements for a practical nurse's license. All schools of nursing in  
227 this state, except such schools accredited by the National League for  
228 Nursing or other [successor] professional accrediting association  
229 approved by the United States Department of Education and  
230 recognized by the Commissioner of Public Health, and all schools for  
231 training licensed practical nurses and all hospitals connected  
232 [therewith, which] to such schools that prepare persons for  
233 examination under the provisions of this chapter, shall be visited  
234 periodically by a representative of the Department of Public Health  
235 who shall be a registered nurse or a person experienced in the field of  
236 nursing education. The board shall keep a list of all nursing programs  
237 and all programs for training licensed practical nurses [which] that are

238 approved by it, with the consent of the Commissioner of Public Health,  
239 as maintaining the standard for the education of nurses and the  
240 training of licensed practical nurses as established by the  
241 commissioner. The board shall consult, where possible, with nationally  
242 recognized accrediting agencies when approving schools.

243 Sec. 15. Section 19a-14b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
244 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2002*):

245 (a) For the purposes of this section and sections 20-420 and 20-432,  
246 the following terms shall have the following meanings unless the  
247 context clearly denotes otherwise:

248 (1) "Radon diagnosis" means evaluating buildings found to have  
249 levels of radon gas that are higher than the guidelines promulgated by  
250 this state or the United States Environmental Protection Agency and  
251 recommending appropriate remedies to eliminate radon.

252 (2) "Radon mitigation" means taking steps including, but not limited  
253 to, installing ventilation systems, sealing entry routes for radon gas  
254 and installing subslab depressurization systems to reduce radon levels  
255 in buildings.

256 (3) ["Primary testing companies"] "Analytical measurement service  
257 providers" means companies or individuals that have their own  
258 analysis capability for radon measurement but may or may not offer  
259 measurement services directly to the public.

260 (4) ["Secondary testing companies"] "Residential measurement  
261 service providers" means [companies] individuals that offer services  
262 that include, but are not limited to, detector placement and home  
263 inspection and consultation but do not have their own analysis  
264 capability [. Such firms must] and therefore utilize the services of [a  
265 primary testing company or laboratory] an analytical measurement  
266 service provider for [its] their detector analysis.

267 (5) "Residential mitigation service providers" means individuals that

268 offer services that include, but are not limited to, radon diagnosis or  
269 radon mitigation.

270 (b) The Department of Public Health shall [publish a list from time  
271 to time of: Companies that perform radon mitigation or diagnosis,  
272 primary testing companies and secondary testing companies. A  
273 company that performs radon mitigation shall appear on such list only  
274 if evidence is presented, satisfactory to the Commissioner of Public  
275 Health, that every employee that performs mitigation does so under  
276 the direction of an onsite supervisor who is included in the current  
277 proficiency report of the United States Environmental Protection  
278 Agency National Radon Contractor Proficiency (RCP) Program. A  
279 primary testing company and a secondary testing company shall  
280 appear on such list only if evidence is presented, satisfactory to the  
281 commissioner, that the company is included in the current proficiency  
282 report of the United States Environmental Protection Agency National  
283 Radon Measurement Proficiency (RMP) Program and persons or  
284 companies performing radon diagnostic evaluation are included in the  
285 current proficiency reports of both the National Radon Measurement  
286 Proficiency (RMP) Program and the National Radon Contractor  
287 Proficiency (RCP) Program] maintain a list of companies or individuals  
288 that offer analytical measurement services, residential measurement  
289 services and residential mitigation services. The list shall include the  
290 names of companies and individuals that are included in current lists  
291 of national radon proficiency programs that have been approved by  
292 the commissioner.

293 (c) The Department of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in  
294 accordance with chapter 54, establishing safe levels of radon in potable  
295 water.

296 Sec. 16. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2002*) (a) Notwithstanding section  
297 19a-14 of the general statutes, as amended, or any other provisions of  
298 the general statutes relating to continuing education or refresher  
299 training, the Department of Public Health shall renew a license,  
300 certificate, permit or registration issued to an individual pursuant to

301 chapters 368d, 368v, 370 to 388, inclusive, 393a, 395, 398, 399, 400a and  
302 400c of the general statutes, which becomes void pursuant to section  
303 19a-88 of the general statutes, as amended, or section 2 of public act 01-  
304 1 while the holder thereof is on active duty in the armed forces of the  
305 United States, within six months from the date of discharge from  
306 active duty, upon payment of any applicable renewal fee and upon  
307 completion of any continuing education or refresher training required  
308 to renew a license, certificate, registration or permit which has not  
309 become void pursuant to section 19a-88 of the general statutes, as  
310 amended, or section 2 of public act 01-1. A licensee applying for license  
311 renewal pursuant to this section shall submit an application on a form  
312 prescribed by the department and other such documentation as may  
313 be required by the department.

314 (b) The provisions of this section shall not apply to reservists or  
315 National Guard members on active duty for annual training that is a  
316 regularly scheduled obligation for reservists or members of the  
317 National Guard for training which is not a part of mobilization.

318 (c) No license shall be issued under this section to any applicant  
319 against whom professional disciplinary action is pending or who is the  
320 subject of an unresolved complaint.

321 Sec. 17. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
322 chapter 372 of the general statutes, during the period commencing on  
323 the effective date of this section and ending thirty days after said  
324 effective date, the Department of Public Health shall issue a license to  
325 practice chiropractic to any applicant who presents to the department  
326 satisfactory evidence that the applicant: (1) Has graduated from an  
327 accredited school of chiropractic approved by the State Board of  
328 Chiropractic Examiners with the consent of the Commissioner of  
329 Public Health; (2) holds current licensure as a chiropractor in at least  
330 two other states; (3) has practiced chiropractic for not less than twenty  
331 years; and (4) has served as dean of an accredited school of  
332 chiropractic at an institute of higher education in this state for not less  
333 than five years consecutively, while serving as a professor of clinical

334 sciences during such tenure.

335       Sec. 18. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
336 subsection (a) of section 20-195dd of the general statutes, during the  
337 period commencing on the effective date of this section and ending  
338 thirty days after said effective date, an applicant for licensure as a  
339 professional counselor under chapter 383c of the general statutes, in  
340 lieu of the requirements set forth in said subsection, may submit  
341 evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner of Public Health of having:  
342 (1) Earned a master's degree in counseling prior to 1986 from a  
343 regionally accredited institution of higher education; and (2) practiced  
344 professional counseling for a minimum of fifteen years immediately  
345 preceding the date of application.

346       Sec. 19. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
347 subsection (a) of section 20-195dd of the general statutes, during the  
348 period commencing on the effective date of this section and ending  
349 thirty days after said effective date, an applicant for licensure as a  
350 professional counselor under chapter 383c of the general statutes, in  
351 lieu of the requirements set forth in said subsection, may submit  
352 evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner of Public Health of having:  
353 (1) Earned a master's degree in education from a regionally accredited  
354 institution of higher education; (2) completed at least seventy credit  
355 hours leading to a degree in clinical psychology from a regionally  
356 accredited institution of higher education; (3) practiced professional  
357 counseling for a minimum of ten years within a fifteen-year period  
358 immediately preceding the date of application; and (4) passed an  
359 examination prescribed by the commissioner.

360       Sec. 20. Section 19a-269 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
361 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2002*):

362       (a) The Commissioner of Public Health shall: (1) Recommend  
363 minimum criteria for dialysis facilities and transplantation centers; (2)  
364 recommend medical criteria for eligibility of kidney disease patients  
365 for any available state assistance; (3) recommend programs of

366 detection, prevention and public education concerning kidney disease;  
367 (4) recommend research into problems associated with kidney disease;  
368 (5) review all existing medical and social programs related to kidney  
369 disease to assure that all patients shall receive, with a minimum of  
370 duplication of financial and physical resources, the best possible health  
371 care.

372 [(b) The Commissioner of Public Health shall, on or before  
373 November 30, 1978, and annually thereafter, report to the Governor  
374 and to the General Assembly the results of his studies and  
375 recommendations for such executive and legislative action as he finds  
376 beneficial to the public interest.]

377 [(c)] (b) In the performance of his duties, the Commissioner of  
378 Public Health may order the preparation of books, reports and records  
379 and may pay for the expert advisors and assistants for making his  
380 studies and formulating his recommendations from funds made  
381 available by the Department of Public Health from the appropriation  
382 to said Department of Public Health.

383 Sec. 21. Section 25-40 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
384 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2002*):

385 Town, city and borough directors of health shall, when in their  
386 judgment health may be menaced or impaired through a water supply,  
387 send, subject to the approval of the Department of Public Health,  
388 samples of such water to said department for examination and  
389 analysis. Said department shall perform such examination and analysis  
390 without charge unless such town, city or borough is to be reimbursed  
391 for the expense of any such examination and analysis, and in such  
392 event a fee shall be charged in accordance with a schedule of fees  
393 [directly related to operating costs] to be established by the  
394 Commissioner of Public Health and based upon nationally recognized  
395 standards and performance measures for analytic work effort for such  
396 examination and analysis. Any person, firm or corporation which  
397 operates or maintains a laboratory in which any determination,

398 examination or analysis is made of any sample of water or sewage as a  
399 basis for advice as to the sanitary quality of such water or sewage or as  
400 to any possible danger to health involved, unless such laboratory has  
401 been approved specifically for that purpose by the Department of  
402 Public Health, after meeting the requirements established by said  
403 department, shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars.

404 Sec. 22. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2002*) For purposes of this  
405 section:

406 (1) "Opioid antagonist" means naloxone hydrochloride or any other  
407 similarly acting and equally safe drug approved by the federal Food  
408 and Drug Administration for the treatment of drug overdose;

409 (2) "Department" means the Department of Public Health; and

410 (3) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Public Health.

411 Sec. 23. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2002*) The Commissioner of  
412 Public Health shall publish an annual report on drug overdose trends  
413 state-wide that reviews state death rates from available data to  
414 ascertain changes in the causes or rates of fatal and nonfatal drug  
415 overdose for the preceding period of not less than five years. The  
416 report shall also provide information on interventions that would be  
417 effective in reducing the rate of fatal or nonfatal drug overdose. The  
418 report shall include: (1) Trends in drug overdose death rates; (2) trends  
419 in emergency room utilization related to drug overdoses and the cost  
420 impact of emergency room utilization; (3) trends in utilization of  
421 prehospital and emergency services and the cost impact of emergency  
422 services utilization; (4) suggested improvements in data collection; and  
423 (5) a description of other interventions effective in reducing the rate of  
424 fatal or nonfatal drug overdoses. The commissioner may submit such  
425 report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, on or  
426 before July 1, 2003, to the Governor and the joint standing committee  
427 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
428 public health. The department, in conjunction with an institution of  
429 higher education, may seek private or federal funds to pay for costs

430 associated with said report.

431 Sec. 24. Subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of section 19a-77 of the  
432 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
433 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2002*):

434 (3) Recreation operations such as but not limited to creative art  
435 studios for children that offer parent-child recreational programs and  
436 classes in music, dance, drama and art that are no longer than two  
437 hours in length during the school year and three hours in length  
438 during any other time of the year, library programs, boys' and girls'  
439 clubs, church-related activities, scouting, camping or community-  
440 youth programs.

441 Sec. 25. Section 19a-122b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
442 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2002*):

443 Notwithstanding the provisions of chapters 368v and 368z, an  
444 organization licensed as a hospice pursuant to the Public Health Code  
445 or certified as a hospice pursuant to 42 USC Section 1395x, shall be  
446 authorized, until October 1, [2001] 2006, to operate on a pilot basis a  
447 residence for terminally ill persons, for the purpose of providing  
448 hospice home care arrangements including, but not limited to, hospice  
449 home care services and supplemental services. Such arrangements  
450 shall be provided to those patients who would otherwise receive such  
451 care from family members. The residence shall provide a homelike  
452 atmosphere for such patients for a time period deemed appropriate for  
453 home health care services under like circumstances. Any hospice  
454 which operates a residence pursuant to the provisions of this section  
455 shall cooperate with the Commissioner of Public Health to develop  
456 standards for the licensure and operation of such homes.

457 Sec. 26. (*Effective October 1, 2002*) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
458 subsection (a) of section 20-195dd of the general statutes, during the  
459 period commencing on the effective date of this section and ending  
460 thirty days after said effective date, an applicant for licensure as a  
461 professional counselor under chapter 383c of the general statutes, in

462 lieu of the requirements set forth in said subsection, may submit  
463 evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner of Public Health of having:  
464 (1) Earned a master's degree in education with a major in  
465 psychological counseling prior to 1975 from a regionally accredited  
466 institution of higher education; (2) passed the examination offered by  
467 the National Association of Certified Mental Health Counselors; (3)  
468 current certification with the National Association for Certified Mental  
469 Health Counselors; and (4) practiced professional counseling for a  
470 minimum of ten years within the twenty-year period immediately  
471 preceding the date of application.

472       Sec. 27. (*Effective from passage*) (a) On or before September 9, 2002,  
473 the Department of Public Health, within available appropriations, shall  
474 convene an evaluation group comprised of representatives from state  
475 agencies that serve children with special health care needs, including  
476 the Departments of Mental Retardation, Children and Families, Social  
477 Services, Education and the Office of the Child Advocate. Said group  
478 shall also include a representative from the Title V Family Advisory  
479 Committee and the chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the  
480 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public  
481 health or said chairpersons' designees. Said group shall examine the  
482 current Title V care coordination services for the purpose of  
483 identifying the level of efficiency and efficacy of such services for  
484 families accessing such services. Said group shall develop  
485 recommendations that include, but are not limited to, improvement in  
486 the efficacy of care coordination services required to optimize families'  
487 access to special needs services and support and measurable outcomes  
488 that ensure the effectiveness of care coordination. On or before January  
489 15, 2003, said group shall report its recommendations, in accordance  
490 with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing  
491 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
492 relating to children, public health and human services.

493       (b) The Department of Public Health shall develop a grant in  
494 consultation with home care agencies and special needs hospitals in  
495 the state, including, but not limited to, Yale New Haven Hospital,

496 Connecticut Children's Medical Center, New Britain Hospital for  
497 Special Care and John Dempsey Hospital. Said grant shall include the  
498 development of strategies for improving access to extended home care  
499 services that may include (1) a state-wide nursing pool, (2) home care  
500 agency certification for a continuum of professional pediatric home  
501 care skills, (3) hospital-based in-service training, and (4) a data  
502 feedback system to the department for children requiring extended  
503 home care services and the ratio of filled to unfilled hours.

504 Sec. 28. (*Effective from passage*) On or before January 1, 2003, the  
505 Commissioner of Social Services shall determine the feasibility of  
506 developing a waiver under Title XIX or Title XXI of the federal Social  
507 Security Act to provide home and community-based services  
508 including, but not limited to, medical day care services, personal care  
509 attendant services and transitional acute post-hospitalization services  
510 to medically fragile children. The Department of Social Services shall  
511 report in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, the  
512 feasibility of said waiver plan, to the joint standing committee of the  
513 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human  
514 services.

515 Sec. 29. Section 20-74s of the general statutes is amended by adding  
516 subsection (x) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2002*):

517 (NEW) (x) The provisions of this section shall apply to employees of  
518 the Department of Correction, other than individuals completing  
519 supervised work experience pursuant to subsection (e) of section 20-  
520 74s, trainees or student interns covered under subsection (u) of section  
521 20-74s, as follows: (1) Any person hired by the Department of  
522 Correction on or after October 1, 2002, for a position as a substance  
523 abuse counselor or supervisor of substance abuse counselors shall be a  
524 licensed or certified alcohol and drug counselor; (2) any person  
525 employed by the Department of Correction prior to October 1, 2002, as  
526 a substance abuse counselor or supervisor of substance abuse  
527 counselors shall become licensed or certified as an alcohol and drug  
528 counselor by October 1, 2007; and (3) any person employed by the

529 Department of Correction on or after October 1, 2007, as a substance  
530 abuse counselor or supervisor of substance abuse counselors shall be a  
531 licensed or certified alcohol and drug counselor.

532 Sec. 30. Section 7-64 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
533 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2002*):

534 (a) The body of each person who dies in this state shall be buried,  
535 removed or cremated within a reasonable time after death. The person  
536 to whom the custody and control of the remains of any deceased  
537 person are granted by law shall see that the certificate of death  
538 required by law has been completed and filed in accordance with  
539 section 7-62b, as amended, prior to final disposition of the body. An  
540 authorization for final disposition issued under the law of another  
541 state which accompanies a dead body or fetus brought into this state  
542 shall be authority for final disposition of the body or fetus in this state.  
543 The provisions of this section shall not in any way impair the authority  
544 of directors of health in cases of death resulting from communicable  
545 diseases, nor conflict with any statutes regulating the delivery of  
546 bodies to any medical school, nor prevent the placing of any body  
547 temporarily in the receiving vault of any cemetery. The placing of any  
548 body in a family vault or tomb within any cemetery shall be deemed a  
549 burial under the provisions of this section.

550 (b) The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in  
551 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, for the purpose of  
552 establishing a procedure for following the transfer and movement of  
553 the body of each person who dies in this state from the time of death  
554 until such time as the body is buried, removed or cremated.

555 (c) Any person who violates any provision of this section or  
556 regulation adopted pursuant to subsection (b) of this section shall be  
557 fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than  
558 five years."