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Substitute Senate Bill No. 1051

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The Committee on General Law reported through SEN. COLAPIETRO of the 31st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LIMITED SHEET METAL POWER INDUSTRY LICENSE.

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

1 Section 1. Section 20-334a of the general statutes, as amended by
2 section 2 of public act 02-92, is amended by adding subsection (h) as
3 follows (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

4 (NEW) (h) A limited sheet metal power industry license may be
5 issued to any person upon authorization of the examining board for
6 heating, piping, cooling and sheet metal work, subject to the
7 provisions of section 20-333. Prior to taking the licensure examination,
8 an applicant shall successfully complete an education and training
9 program established and approved by the Labor Department with the
10 advice of the Connecticut State Apprenticeship Council. The holder of
11 such license may only install, erect, replace, repair or alter breeching
12 exhaust and inlet air systems at electric generation facilities, including,
13 but not limited to, cogeneration plants, bio-mass facilities, blast

14 furnaces, combined cycle facilities, fossil fuel, gas and hydro power
15 facilities, incinerators and nuclear power facilities. The holder of such
16 license may only perform such work while in the employ of a
17 contractor licensed to perform such sheet metal work under chapter
18 393.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>

GL *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Type	FY 04 \$	FY 05 \$
Consumer Protection, Dept.	GF - Revenue Gain	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
Labor Dept.	GF - None	None	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill authorizes the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP), upon authorization from the appropriate examining board, to issue a limited sheet metal power industry license with certain restrictions on its use. License holders will be able to perform the work only if employed by a licensed sheet metal contractor. Applicants must successfully complete an education and training program established and approved by the Department of Labor with the advice of the Connecticut State Apprenticeship Council.

Currently, there are 150 boilermakers in the state of Connecticut who would be eligible for such license. However, since the license fee is at present unknown, the revenue gain resulting from the passage of this bill is at present indeterminate.

Any workload increase on the DCP resulting from the provisions in this bill can be performed by staff without the need for additional budgetary resources.

Although it is unclear the activity level that this provision would require of the Department of Labor’s Apprenticeship Program, it is anticipated that additional resources are not required. It should be

noted that as a result of layoffs, the program currently is operating with one staff member. (Layoffs resulted in the elimination of 12 positions in this program).

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LIMITED SHEET METAL POWER INDUSTRY LICENSE**SUMMARY:**

This bill authorizes the Consumer Protection Department, upon authorization of the heating, piping, cooling and sheet metal work examining board, to issue a limited sheet metal power industry license restricted to the installation, erection, replacement, repair, or alteration of breeching exhaust and inlet air systems at electric generation facilities. Licensees may only perform such work if employed by a licensed sheet metal contractor. Applicants must successfully complete an education and training program established and approved by the Labor Department, with the advice of the Connecticut State Apprenticeship Council, before taking the licensing exam.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2003

ELECTRIC GENERATION FACILITIES

Electric generation facilities include cogeneration plants, biomass (raw or processed plant material) facilities, blast furnaces, combined cycle facilities, fossil fuel, gas and hydro power facilities, incinerators and nuclear power plants.

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

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