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Substitute Senate Bill No. 1120
As Amended by Senate Amendment
Schedule "A" and House Amendment
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
May 31, 2003

AN ACT CONCERNING RADIOGRAPHERS, ACUPUNCTURISTS, PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND COSMETICIANS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 20-74bb of the general statutes is amended by
2 adding subsection (h) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

3 (NEW) (h) Notwithstanding the requirements of subsection (a) of
4 this section, during the period from October 1, 2003, to October 31,
5 2003, inclusive, the commissioner shall grant a license to any person
6 who (1) has practiced as a radiographer for at least ten years, one of
7 which years was no earlier than two years from the date of application
8 pursuant to this section, (2) holds a current registration as a radiation
9 therapy technologist that was originally issued by the American
10 Registry of Radiological Technologists on or before January 1, 1984,
11 and (3) holds current licensure as a radiographer in another state, that
12 was originally issued on or before January 1, 1984. No license shall be
13 issued pursuant to this subsection to any applicant regarding whom
14 disciplinary action was taken, is pending or who is the subject of an

15 unresolved complaint.

16 Sec. 2. (*Effective October 1, 2003*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
17 subsection (b) of section 20-206bb of the general statutes, during the
18 period from October 1, 2003, to October 31, 2003, inclusive, the
19 Department of Public Health shall issue a license as an acupuncturist
20 under chapter 384c of the general statutes to any applicant who
21 presents to the department satisfactory evidence that the applicant has:
22 (1) Passed the National Commission for the Certification of
23 Acupuncturists written examination by test or by credentials review;
24 (2) successfully completed the practical examination of point location
25 skills offered by the National Commission for the Certification of
26 Acupuncturists; and (3) successfully completed the Clean Needle
27 Technique Course offered by the Council of Colleges of Acupuncture
28 and Oriental Medicine.

29 Sec. 3. (*Effective October 1, 2003*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
30 sections 20-195bb and 20-195cc of the general statutes, during the
31 period from October 1, 2003, to October 31, 2003, the Commissioner of
32 Public Health shall issue a license to practice as a professional
33 counselor under chapter 383c of the general statutes, to any applicant
34 who presents to the commissioner satisfactory evidence that the
35 applicant: (1) Earned a masters degree in psychology prior to January
36 1, 1986; and (2) has practiced counseling for not less than ten years
37 within the fifteen-year period immediately preceding the date of
38 application.

39 Sec. 4. (*Effective October 1, 2003*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
40 subsection (a) of section 20-398 of the general statutes, during the
41 period from October 1, 2003, to October 31, 2003, the Commissioner of
42 Public Health shall issue a license to practice as a hearing instrument
43 specialist under chapter 398 of the general statutes to any applicant
44 who presents to the commissioner satisfactory evidence that the
45 applicant: (1) Was issued a license pursuant to chapter 370 of the
46 general statutes on or before October 4, 1971; (2) holds a current
47 certification from the American Board of Otolaryngology, originally

48 issued on or before November 4, 1971; and (3) has been on the faculty
 49 of a medical school located in Connecticut for ten years, at least one of
 50 said years was within the two-year period immediately preceding the
 51 date of application.

52 Sec. 5. (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions
 53 of sections 20-250 to 20-265, inclusive, of the general statutes, during
 54 the period from October 1, 2003, to October 31, 2003, inclusive, the
 55 Department of Public Health shall issue, without examination, a
 56 license as a hairdresser and cosmetician under chapter 387 of the
 57 general statutes to any applicant who presents to the department
 58 satisfactory evidence that such applicant: (1) Has not less than two
 59 years of professional experience as a hairdresser or cosmetologist; (2) is
 60 licensed as a hairdresser or cosmetician in any other state of the United
 61 States, the District of Columbia, commonwealth or territory subject to
 62 the law of the United States; and (3) is not the subject of a pending
 63 professional disciplinary action and has no unresolved professional
 64 complaints.

65 (b) An application submitted pursuant to this section shall be
 66 accompanied by a fee of fifty dollars. Any license issued pursuant to
 67 this section shall be renewable annually in accordance with the
 68 provisions of section 20-253 of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2003</i>

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 \$
Public Health, Dept.	GF - Revenue Gain	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

Section 1 authorizes the Department of Public Health (DPH) to grant a license to a radiographer with specified experience within thirty days after October 1, 2003. The agency will experience a workload increase and minimal revenue gain from collection of an initial licensure fee of \$100 and a renewal licensure fee of \$50 paid upon the anniversary of any affected individual's birth.

Section 2 authorizes DPH to grant a license to an acupuncturist with specified experience within thirty days after October 1, 2003. The agency will experience a workload increase and minimal revenue gain from collection of an initial licensure fee of \$100 and a renewal licensure fee of \$100 paid upon the anniversary of any affected individual's birth.

Section 3 authorizes DPH to grant a license to a professional counselor with specified experience within thirty days after October 1, 2003. The agency will experience a workload increase and minimal revenue gain from collection of an initial licensure fee of \$250 and a renewal licensure fee of \$150 paid upon the anniversary of any affected individual's birth.

Section 4 authorizes DPH to grant a license to a hearing instrument

specialist with specified experience within thirty days after October 1, 2003. The agency will experience a workload increase and minimal revenue gain from collection of an initial licensure fee of \$100 and a renewal licensure fee of \$100 paid upon the anniversary of any affected individual's birth.

Section 5 authorizes DPH to grant a license without examination to a hairdresser and cosmetician with specified experience within thirty days after October 1, 2003. The agency will experience a workload increase and minimal revenue gain from collection of an initial licensure fee of \$50 and a renewal licensure fee of \$25 paid upon the anniversary of any affected individual's birth.

Senate "A" specifies that the authority granted to the department under Section 1 of the bill is limited to the thirty day time period commencing 10/1/03. This does not alter the fiscal impact associated with the original bill. It also adds Sections 3 and 4 to the bill which results in a minimal revenue gain to DPH as discussed above.

House "A" adds Section 5 to the bill which results in a minimal revenue gain discussed above.

OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 1120 (as amended by Senate "A" and House "A")*

AN ACT CONCERNING RADIOGRAPHERS AND ACUPUNCTURISTS**SUMMARY:**

This bill establishes alternative licensure routes for certain radiographers, acupuncturists, professional counselors, hearing instrument specialists, and hairdressers and cosmeticians.

*Senate Amendment "A" adds the alternative licensure routes for certain professional counselors and hearing instrument specialists, and clarifies the alternative route for radiographers.

*House Amendment "A" adds the alternative licensure route for hairdressers and cosmeticians.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2003

ALTERNATIVE LICENSURES***Radiographers***

The bill authorizes the Department of Public Health (DPH), during October 2003, to issue a radiographer license to any applicant who (1) has practiced as a radiographer for at least 10 years, one of which was no earlier than two years before the application date, (2) has a current registration as a radiation therapy technologist originally issued by the American Registry of Radiological Technologists before January 2, 1984, and (3) has a radiographer's license from another state originally issued before January 2, 1984. Under the bill, DPH may not license an applicant who has been disciplined or is the subject of an unresolved complaint.

Acupuncturists

The bill authorizes DPH, during October 2003, to license as an acupuncturist, any person who (1) passed the National Commission for the Certification of Acupuncturists written examination by test or credentials review, (2) successfully completed the practical examination of point location skills offered by the commission, and (3) successfully completed the clean-needle technique course offered by the Council of Colleges of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine.

Professional Counselors

The bill also authorizes DPH, during October 2003, to license as a professional counselor, any person who (1) received a masters degree in psychology before January 1, 1986 and (2) practiced counseling for at least 10 years within the 15 years immediately preceding his application.

Hearing Instrument Specialists

The bill authorizes DPH, during October 2003, to license as a hearing instrument specialist anyone who (1) received a license on or before October 4, 1971; (2) has a current certification from the American Board of Otolaryngology, originally issued on or before November 4, 1971, and (3) has been on the faculty of a Connecticut medical school for 10 years, with at least one year within the two years immediately preceding his application.

Hairdressers and Cosmeticians

Finally, the bill authorizes DPH, during October 2003, to issue a hairdresser and cosmetician license to an applicant who (1) has at least two years of professional experience; (2) is licensed by any other state, the District of Columbia, or a U.S. commonwealth or territory; and (3) is not facing any pending professional disciplinary action or unresolved professional complaints. The license application fee is \$50, with an annual renewal of \$25.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 21 Nay 0