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Substitute House Bill No. 6269

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The Committee on General Law reported through REP. STONE, C. of the 9th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CERTIFICATION OF GAS HEARTH INSTALLERS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 20-332a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) The Heating, Cooling, Piping and Sheet Metal Work Board shall
4 recommend regulations consistent with the provisions of sections 20-
5 332 and 21a-7 to establish limited contractor and journeyman licenses
6 for light commercial sheet metal work and residential sheet metal
7 work, which shall be adopted by the Commissioner of Consumer
8 Protection in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.

9 (b) The Heating, Cooling, Piping and Sheet Metal Work Board shall
10 recommend regulations that shall be adopted by the Commissioner of
11 Consumer Protection, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54,
12 and that shall be consistent with sections 20-332 and 21a-7 to establish

- 13 a gas hearth installer certificate and the requisite credentials that attest
14 to qualifications to practice as a gas hearth installer.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	20-332a

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-Effect	FY 06 \$	FY 07 \$
Consumer Protection, Dept.	GF - Cost	23,187	23,187
Comptroller Misc. Accounts (Fringe Benefits)	GF - Cost	10,076	10,076

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Heating, Cooling, Piping, and Sheet Metal Work Board to recommend regulations establishing a gas hearth installer certificate. The bill also requires the Commissioner of the Department of Consumer Protection to adopt the regulations. The Department of Consumer Protection would incur costs of \$23,187 in FY 06 and FY 07 for a part-time Processing Technician and one time start-up costs in order to implement the new licensing requirements of the bill.¹

¹ The fringe benefit costs for state employees are budgeted centrally in the Miscellaneous Accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated fringe benefit reimbursement rate as a percentage of payroll is 53.91%, effective July 1, 2004. However, first year fringe benefit costs for new positions do not include pension costs lowering the rate to 22.65%. The state's pension contribution is based upon the prior year's certification by the actuary for the State Employees Retirement System.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CERTIFICATION OF GAS HEARTH INSTALLERS**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Heating, Cooling, Piping and Sheet Metal Work Board to recommend regulations establishing a gas hearth installer certificate and the required credentials to demonstrate an applicant's qualifications to be a gas hearth installer. The bill requires the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) commissioner to adopt the recommended regulations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND***Certificates and Other Credentials Issued by DCP***

The law defines a "certificate" issued by DCP as a credential that (1) authorizes the practice of a profession by certificate holders but does not prohibit the practice by others; (2) prohibits someone from falsely claiming to be certified; and (3) requires, as a condition of certification, that an applicant submit specified credentials to the department that demonstrate qualifications (CGS § 21a-9).

A certificate is different from a "license" because a license limits the practice of the profession to license holders. It is different from a "registration" because an applicant for a registration is not required to produce credentials demonstrating his qualifications.

Occupational Licensing System

State law establishes a licensing system for several trades overseen by different licensing boards, including the Heating, Cooling, Piping and Sheet Metal Work Board and the Plumbing and Piping Work Board. They have the power to determine who qualifies for a license and to enforce standards by disciplining licensees. Boards may create limited

licenses authorizing their holders to work in a specific area of a trade.

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 14 Nay 0