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Substitute House Bill No. 6858
As Amended by House Amendment
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
May 12, 2005

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE LICENSING OF ELECTRICIANS WHO
ARE CURRENTLY LICENSED IN OTHER STATES OR A
COMMONWEALTH OR TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 20-333a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

3 The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may, upon the payment
4 of the appropriate fee, as provided in section 20-335, grant a license or
5 a card of registration provided for in this chapter, without an
6 examination, to any currently practicing, competent person who holds
7 a similar license or card of registration granted by any other state,
8 licensure jurisdiction within another state, the District of Columbia or
9 any territory or commonwealth of the United States having licensure
10 or registration requirements substantially similar to, or higher than,
11 those of this state, if the licensing authority in such other state,
12 licensure jurisdiction within another state, the District of Columbia or
13 any territory or commonwealth of the United States may grant such
14 similar license or card of registration, without an examination, to any

15 currently practicing, competent licensee or registrant from this state.
16 The commissioner, with the advice and consent of the appropriate
17 examining board, may adopt regulations in accordance with the
18 provisions of chapter 54 in order to carry out the provisions of this
19 section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	20-333a

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 - Revenue Gain	Potential Minimal	Potential Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill as amended allows the Commissioner of the Department of Consumer Protection to issue a license without examination to contractors and journeypersons licensed by the District of Columbia, a United States territory, or a licensure jurisdiction within another state, under certain conditions. To the extent that the bill may encourage such licensees to register in the state, the bill could result in a minimal revenue gain.

House "A" allows licensees of a licensure jurisdiction within another state to be issued a license without examination under certain conditions. This has no fiscal impact.

OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 6858 (as amended by House "A")*

AN ACT CONCERNING THE LICENSING OF ELECTRICIANS WHO ARE CURRENTLY LICENSED IN OTHER STATES OR A COMMONWEALTH OR TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES**SUMMARY:**

This bill allows the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) commissioner to issue a Connecticut license without examination to contractors and journeymen licensed by licensure jurisdictions within another state, the District of Columbia, or any territory or commonwealth of the United States in the same way and under the same conditions that he may issue such licenses to people licensed by another state. The provision applies to: electricians; plumbers; heating, piping and cooling contractors and journeymen; elevator contractors and craftsmen; solar contractors and journeymen; fire protection sprinkler contractors and journeymen; irrigation contractors and journeymen; sheet metal contractors and journeymen; and automotive and flat glass contractors and journeymen.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2005

*House Amendment "A" allows reciprocal licensure for tradesmen licensed by licensure jurisdictions within other states.

BACKGROUND***Reciprocal Licensure***

The law allows reciprocal licensure if the other jurisdiction's requirements are at least equal to those of Connecticut and if this privilege is provided to Connecticut residents on a reciprocal basis. The applicant must pay the appropriate fee. The law allows the DCP commissioner to adopt regulations with the advice and consent of the appropriate licensing board.

Occupational Licensing System

State law establishes a licensing system for several trades overseen by different licensing boards, including the Examining Board for Electrical Work and the Examining Board for Plumbing and Piping Work. The boards are within DCP. 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. Each trade has different levels of expertise—apprentice, journeyman, and contractor. Workers must meet education, training, and experience requirements to qualify for each level. The boards establish less extensive requirements for workers attempting to qualify for a limited license. The law establishes DCP’s duties to the boards include receiving complaints, carrying out investigations, and performing administrative tasks, such as physically issuing licenses and renewals.

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 12 Nay 2