



General Assembly

Raised Bill No. 5671

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LCO No. **2320**

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Referred to Committee on General Law

Introduced by:
(GL)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGISTRATION OF HYPNOTISTS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) (a) No person shall
2 practice hypnosis or hold himself or herself out as a hypnotist in this
3 state without first registering with the Department of Consumer
4 Protection pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

5 (b) Each person who practices hypnosis in this state shall, upon
6 payment of an application fee of fifty dollars, register with the
7 Department of Consumer Protection on a form provided by the
8 department with such information and attestation as the
9 Commissioner of Consumer Protection deems necessary, including,
10 but not limited to, (1) such person's name in full, (2) such person's
11 residential and business addresses, and (3) a representation, in writing,
12 that such person is not a sexual offender, as defined in section 54-260
13 of the general statutes, and is not registered as a sexual offender under
14 the laws of any other state. Each such person shall notify the
15 department, in writing, not later than thirty days after the date of any

16 change in such person's name, residential address, business address or
17 status as a sexual offender in this state or any other state.

18 (c) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may, upon receipt of
19 notification and investigation, assess a civil penalty of not more than
20 one hundred dollars against any person who has practiced hypnosis in
21 this state without first registering with the department pursuant to
22 subsection (b) of this section.

23 (d) The provisions of this section do not apply to:

24 (1) Physicians licensed pursuant to chapter 370 of the general
25 statutes;

26 (2) Psychologists licensed pursuant to chapter 383 of the general
27 statutes;

28 (3) Marital and family therapists licensed pursuant to chapter 383a
29 of the general statutes;

30 (4) Clinical social workers licensed pursuant to chapter 383b of the
31 general statutes;

32 (5) Professional counselors licensed pursuant to chapter 383c of the
33 general statutes; and

34 (6) Alcohol and drug counselors licensed pursuant to chapter 376b
35 of the general statutes.

36 (e) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, in consultation with
37 the Commissioner of Public Health, may adopt regulations, in
38 accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement the
39 provisions of this section.

40 (f) For purposes of this section, "hypnosis" means an artificially
41 induced altered state of consciousness, characterized by heightened
42 suggestibility and receptivity to direction.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2006</i> | New section |

GL *Joint Favorable*