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House Bill No. 6997

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The Committee on Program Review and Investigations reported through REP. WASSERMAN of the 106th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SUNSET LAW.

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

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2 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*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

4 (a) The following governmental entities and programs are
5 terminated, effective July 1, [2008] 2010, unless reestablished in
6 accordance with the provisions of section 2c-10:

7 (1) Regulation of hearing aid dealers pursuant to chapter 398;

8 (2) Repealed by P.A. 99-102, S. 51;

9 (3) Connecticut Homeopathic Medical Examining Board, established
10 under section 20-8;

11 (4) State Board of Natureopathic Examiners, established under

12 section 20-35;

13 (5) Board of Examiners of Electrologists, established under section
14 20-268;

15 (6) Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Nursing, established
16 under section 20-88;

17 (7) Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine, established under
18 section 20-196;

19 (8) Liquor Control Commission, established under section 30-2;

20 (9) Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Optometrists,
21 established under section 20-128a;

22 (10) Board of Examiners of Psychologists, established under section
23 20-186;

24 (11) Regulation of speech pathologists and audiologists pursuant to
25 chapter 399;

26 (12) Connecticut Examining Board for Barbers and Hairdressers and
27 Cosmeticians established under section 20-235a;

28 (13) Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors
29 established under section 20-208;

30 (14) Regulation of nursing home administrators pursuant to chapter
31 368v;

32 (15) Board of Examiners for Opticians established under section 20-
33 139a;

34 (16) Medical Examining Board established under section 20-8a;

35 (17) Board of Examiners in Podiatry, established under section 20-
36 51;

37 (18) Board of Chiropractic Examiners, established under section 20-

- 38 25;
- 39 (19) The agricultural lands preservation program, established under
40 section 22-26cc;
- 41 (20) Nursing Home Ombudsmen Office, established under section
42 17a-405;
- 43 (21) Mobile Manufactured Home Advisory Council established
44 under section 21-84a;
- 45 (22) Repealed by P.A. 93-262, S. 86, 87;
- 46 (23) The Child Day Care Council established under section 17b-748;
- 47 (24) The Connecticut Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental
48 Relations established under section 2-79a;
- 49 (25) The Commission on Children established under section 46a-126;
- 50 (26) The task force on the development of incentives for conserving
51 energy in state buildings established under section 16a-39b;
- 52 (27) The estuarine embayment improvement program established
53 by sections 22a-113 to 22a-113c, inclusive;
- 54 (28) The State Dental Commission, established under section 20-
55 103a;
- 56 (29) The Connecticut Economic Information Steering Committee,
57 established under section 32-6i;
- 58 (30) Repealed by P.A. 95-257, S. 57, 58; and
- 59 (31) The registry established under section 17a-247b.
- 60 (b) The following governmental entities and programs are
61 terminated, effective July 1, [2009] 2011, unless reestablished in
62 accordance with the provisions of section 2c-10:

- 63 (1) Program of regulation of sanitarians, established under chapter
64 395;
- 65 (2) Program of regulation of subsurface sewage disposal system
66 installers and cleaners, established under chapter 393a;
- 67 (3) Program of regulation of bedding and upholstered furniture
68 established by sections 21a-231 to 21a-236, inclusive;
- 69 (4) Regional mental health boards, established under section 17a-
70 484;
- 71 (5) Repealed by P.A. 88-285, S. 34, 35;
- 72 (6) All advisory boards for state hospitals and facilities, established
73 under section 17a-470;
- 74 (7) Repealed by P.A. 85-613, S. 153, 154;
- 75 (8) State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists, established
76 under section 20-67;
- 77 (9) Commission on Medicolegal Investigations, established under
78 subsection (a) of section 19a-401;
- 79 (10) Board of Mental Health and Addiction Services, established
80 under section 17a-456;
- 81 (11) Repealed by P.A. 95-257, S. 57, 58;
- 82 (12) Commission on Prison and Jail Overcrowding established
83 under section 18-87j; and
- 84 (13) The residential energy conservation service program authorized
85 under sections 16a-45a, 16a-46 and 16a-46a.
- 86 (c) The following governmental entities and programs are
87 terminated, effective July 1, [2010] 2012, unless reestablished in
88 accordance with the provisions of section 2c-10:

- 89 (1) Board of Firearms Permit Examiners, established under section
90 29-32b;
- 91 (2) State Board of Landscape Architects, established under section
92 20-368;
- 93 (3) Repealed by P.A. 89-364, S. 6, 7;
- 94 (4) Police Officer Standards and Training Council, established under
95 section 7-294b;
- 96 (5) State Board of Examiners for Professional Engineers and Land
97 Surveyors, established under section 20-300;
- 98 (6) State boards for occupational licensing, established under section
99 20-331;
- 100 (7) Commission of Pharmacy, established under section 20-572;
- 101 (8) Connecticut Real Estate Commission, established under section
102 20-311a;
- 103 (9) State Codes and Standards Committee, established under section
104 29-251;
- 105 (10) Commission on Fire Prevention and Control, established under
106 section 7-323k;
- 107 (11) Program of regulation of building demolition, established
108 under section 29-401;
- 109 (12) Repealed by P.A. 93-262, S. 86, 87 and P.A. 93-423, S. 7; and
- 110 (13) Connecticut Food Policy Council, established under section 22-
111 456.
- 112 (d) The following governmental entities and programs are
113 terminated, effective July 1, [2011] 2013, unless reestablished in
114 accordance with the provisions of section 2c-10:

- 115 (1) State Insurance and Risk Management Board, established under
116 section 4a-19;
- 117 (2) Connecticut Marketing Authority, established under section 22-
118 63;
- 119 (3) Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission,
120 established under section 31-376;
- 121 (4) Connecticut Siting Council, established under section 16-50j;
- 122 (5) Connecticut Public Transportation Commission, established
123 under section 13b-11a;
- 124 (6) State Board of Accountancy, established under section 20-280;
- 125 (7) Repealed by P.A. 99-73, S. 10;
- 126 (8) Repealed by P.A. 85-613, S. 153, 154;
- 127 (9) State Milk Regulation Board, established under section 22-131;
- 128 (10) Deleted by P.A. 99-73, S. 1;
- 129 (11) Council on Environmental Quality, established under section
130 22a-11;
- 131 (12) Repealed by P.A. 85-613, S. 153, 154;
- 132 (13) Repealed by P.A. 83-487, S. 32, 33;
- 133 (14) Employment Security Board of Review, established under
134 section 31-237c;
- 135 (15) Repealed by P.A. 85-613, S. 153, 154;
- 136 (16) Connecticut Energy Advisory Board, established under section
137 16a-3;
- 138 (17) Connecticut Solid Waste Management Advisory Council,
139 established under subsection (a) of section 22a-279;

- 140 (18) Investment Advisory Council, established under section 3-13b;
- 141 (19) State Properties Review Board, established under subsection (a)
142 of section 4b-3;
- 143 (20) Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, established
144 under section 46a-52;
- 145 (21) The coastal management program, established under chapter
146 444;
- 147 (22) Department of Economic and Community Development,
148 established under sections 4-38c and 8-37r;
- 149 (23) Family support grant program of the Department of Social
150 Services, established under section 17b-616;
- 151 (24) Program of regulation of occupational therapists, established
152 under chapter 376a;
- 153 (25) Repealed by P.A. 85-613, S. 153, 154;
- 154 (26) Architectural Licensing Board, established under section 20-289;
- 155 (27) Repealed by June Sp. Sess. P.A. 01-5, S. 17, 18; and
- 156 (28) The Connecticut Transportation Strategy Board.
- 157 (e) The following governmental entities and programs are
158 terminated, effective July 1, [2012] 2014, unless reestablished in
159 accordance with the provisions of section 2c-10:
- 160 (1) Regional advisory councils for children and youth center
161 facilities, established under section 17a-30;
- 162 (2) Repealed by P.A. 93-262, S. 86, 87;
- 163 (3) Advisory Council on Children and Families, established under
164 section 17a-4;

- 165 (4) Board of Education and Services for the Blind, established under
166 section 10-293;
- 167 (5) Repealed by P.A. 84-361, S. 6, 7;
- 168 (6) Commission on the Deaf and Hearing Impaired, established
169 under section 46a-27;
- 170 (7) Advisory and planning councils for regional centers for the
171 mentally retarded, established under section 17a-273;
- 172 (8) Repealed by P.A. 01-141, S. 15, 16;
- 173 (9) Repealed by P.A. 94-245, S. 45, 46;
- 174 (10) Repealed by P.A. 85-613, S. 153, 154;
- 175 (11) State Library Board, established under section 11-1;
- 176 (12) Advisory Council for Special Education, established under
177 section 10-76i;
- 178 (13) Repealed by June 30 Sp. Sess. P.A. 03-6, S. 248;
- 179 (14) Repealed by June 30 Sp. Sess. P.A. 03-6, S. 248;
- 180 (15) Repealed by P.A. 89-362, S. 4, 5;
- 181 (16) Repealed by June Sp. Sess. P.A. 91-14, S. 28, 30;
- 182 (17) Repealed by P.A. 90-230, S. 100, 101;
- 183 (18) State Commission on Capitol Preservation and Restoration,
184 established under section 4b-60;
- 185 (19) Repealed by P.A. 90-230, S. 100, 101; and
- 186 (20) Examining Board for Crane Operators, established under
187 section 29-222.
- 188 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) The Legislative Program Review and

189 Investigations Committee shall conduct a study of the sunset law
 190 contained in chapter 28 of the general statutes. The study shall address
 191 the needs and merits of the sunset law and alternative methods of
 192 addressing such needs and other performance measurement processes.
 193 Not later than January 15, 2008, the Legislative Program Review and
 194 Investigations Committee shall report its findings and
 195 recommendations.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	2c-2b
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

PRI *Joint Favorable*

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 chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 08 \$	FY 09 \$
Various State Agencies	All Funds - None	None	None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill delays for two years the review of all agencies and programs subject to termination under the sunset law. The bill also requires the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee to study the sunset law.

This bill has no fiscal impact on the state. It should be noted that if these entities were terminated, a savings may result although it is unknown if the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee after conducting its statutory required performance audit, would recommend that the legislature abolish, re-establish, modify or consolidate any of these entities.

The Out Years

There is no fiscal impact in the out years.

OLR Bill Analysis
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SUMMARY:

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EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

SUNSET REVIEW

Under the sunset law, 78 licensing, regulatory, and other state agencies and programs terminate on set dates unless the General Assembly reestablishes them after the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee conducts a performance audit of each. The committee must review the public need for each entity according to established criteria and report to the legislature its recommendations for the entity’s abolition, reestablishment, modification, or consolidation. The act delays the termination dates as follows:

<i>Current Termination Date</i>	<i>New Termination Date</i>
July 1, 2008	July 1, 2010
July 1, 2009	July 1, 2011
July 1, 2010	July 1, 2012

July 1, 2011	July 1, 2013
July 1, 2012	July 1, 2014

COMMITTEE ACTION

Program Review and Investigations Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 12 Nay 0 (03/09/2007)