



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on General Law

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT CONCERNING CONSUMER ACCESS TO INFORMATION
REGARDING COURT JUDGMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS
RELATING TO HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTORS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 20-420 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

3 (a) No person shall hold himself or herself out to be a contractor or
4 salesperson without first obtaining a certificate of registration from the
5 commissioner as provided in this chapter, except that an individual or
6 partner, or officer or director of a corporation registered as a contractor
7 shall not be required to obtain a salesperson's certificate. No certificate
8 shall be given to any person who holds himself or herself out to be a
9 contractor that performs radon mitigation unless such contractor
10 provides evidence, satisfactory to the commissioner, that the contractor
11 is certified as a radon mitigator by the National Radon Safety Board or
12 the National Environmental Health Association. No certificate shall be
13 given to any person who holds himself or herself out to be a contractor
14 that performs removal or replacement of any residential underground
15 heating oil storage tank system unless such contractor provides

16 evidence, satisfactory to the commissioner, that the contractor (1) has
17 completed a hazardous material training program approved by the
18 Department of Environmental Protection, (2) has presented evidence
19 of liability insurance coverage of one million dollars, and (3) has
20 presented evidence of a surety bond in an amount not less than two
21 hundred fifty thousand dollars.

22 (b) No contractor shall employ any salesman to procure business
23 from an owner unless the salesman is registered under this chapter.

24 (c) No individual shall act as a home improvement salesman for an
25 unregistered contractor.

26 (d) On and after July 1, 2008, a home improvement contractor shall
27 not perform gas hearth product work, as defined in subdivision (22) of
28 section 20-330, unless such home improvement contractor holds a
29 limited contractor or journeyman gas hearth installer license pursuant
30 to section 20-334f.

31 (e) The commissioner shall provide members of the public with
32 reasonable access to information supplied to the department by
33 applicants for registration as home improvement contractors. Such
34 information shall include, but not be limited to, each such applicant's
35 responses to department registration application questions regarding:
36 (1) Whether any court judgments or administrative orders have been
37 issued against the applicant or any person, company or entity affiliated
38 with the applicant as a result of home improvement activities in any
39 state and any statement of facts provided by the applicant in response
40 to such question, (2) whether the applicant or any of the applicant's
41 partners, corporate officers or members have been convicted of a
42 felony, and any response by the applicant regarding dates and natures
43 of convictions, where cases were decided and detailed descriptions of
44 circumstances relating to each conviction, and (3) whether the
45 applicant has previously held a Connecticut home improvement
46 contractor's registration and, if so, when the registration was held and
47 the registration number.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	20-420

Statement of Purpose:

To allow consumer access to information regarding court judgments and administrative orders, felony convictions and prior registrations collected from home improvement contractor applications submitted to the Department of Consumer Protection.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]