



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 1043**

LCO No. 3561

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Referred to Committee on General Law

Introduced by:  
(GL)

**AN ACT PROTECTING CONSUMERS FROM UNLICENSED CONTRACTORS.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 20-341 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2007*):

4 (a) Any person who engages in or practices the work or occupation  
5 for which a license is required by this chapter without having first  
6 obtained an apprentice permit or a certificate and license for such  
7 work, or who wilfully employs or supplies for employment a person  
8 who does not have a certificate and license for such work or who  
9 wilfully and falsely pretends to qualify to engage in or practice such  
10 work or occupation, or who engages in or practices any of the work or  
11 occupations for which a license is required by this chapter after the  
12 expiration of his license, or who violates any other provision of this  
13 chapter, unless the penalty is otherwise specifically prescribed, shall be  
14 [fined not more than two hundred dollars for each such violation]  
15 guilty of a class B misdemeanor. Notwithstanding subsection (d) of  
16 section 53a-29 or section 54-56e, if the court determines that a person

17 who violated the provisions of this subsection cannot fully repay any  
18 victim of the violations committed by such person within the period of  
19 probation established in said subsection or section, the court may  
20 impose probation for such person for a period of not more than five  
21 years.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2007	20-341(a)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To increase the penalty for plumbers, electricians and those engaged in solar work, heating, piping, cooling and sheet metal work, fire protection sprinkler system work, automotive glass or flat glass work without a license or certificate and to allow a court to impose a probation period for up to five years to obtain restitution for victims.

*[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.]*