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Referred to Committee on General Law

Introduced by:
(GL)

AN ACT CONCERNING SHORTHAND REPORTERS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 20-656 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2008*):

3 (a) The board may suspend or revoke any licensed granted or issued
4 by the board if the holder of such license: (1) Has been convicted of a
5 felony, or (2) has been found by the board, after a hearing conducted in
6 accordance with chapter 54 and regulations adopted pursuant to
7 subsection (a) of section 21a-9 of: (A) Gross incompetence, (B)
8 malpractice, (C) unethical conduct, (D) knowingly making a false,
9 misleading or deceptive representation relating to his or her work as a
10 shorthand reporter, or (E) violating regulations adopted pursuant to
11 this chapter.

12 (b) Any person who has had a license suspended or revoked
13 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section may reapply to the board for
14 reinstatement of such person's license not later than ninety days after
15 such license has been revoked or immediately after the license
16 suspension period has elapsed.

17 (c) In addition to any action that may be taken by the board
18 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section or subsection (c) of section
19 21a-9, the board may suspend or revoke the license of a shorthand
20 reporter under subdivision (7) of section 21a-7 for:

21 (1) Failing to deliver a transcript to a client or a court in a timely
22 manner;

23 (2) Producing an incomplete transcript, except upon the order of a
24 court, agreement of the parties or request of a party;

25 (3) Failing to charge all parties or their attorneys the same rate for
26 like services performed in a proceeding, including any charge for a
27 copy of the transcript;

28 (4) Failing to notify all parties or their attorneys of a request for all
29 or part of a transcript in sufficient time for copies to be prepared and
30 delivered to such parties or attorneys simultaneously with the delivery
31 of the original request;

32 (5) (A) Giving, directly or indirectly, any gift, incentive, reward or
33 other thing of value to an attorney, the attorney's clients, or the
34 representatives or agents of such attorney or clients, or (B) directly or
35 indirectly benefiting from or being employed as a result of any gift,
36 incentive, reward or other thing of value given by any person to an
37 attorney, the attorney's clients, or the representatives or agents of such
38 attorney or clients;

39 (6) The reporting of any proceeding where the licensed shorthand
40 reporter is a relative of a party to the proceeding or an attorney
41 representing a party to the proceeding within the second degree by
42 affinity or consanguinity; or

43 (7) The reporting of any proceeding where the licensed shorthand
44 reporter has a financial interest in the proceeding or is associated with
45 a firm which has a financial interest in the proceeding.

46 (d) A shorthand reporter licensed pursuant to this chapter shall
47 display his or her shorthand reporter license number on any business
48 card, stationery, transcript, advertisement or other document used by
49 such reporter and pertaining to his or her practice of shorthand
50 reporting.

51 (e) The board may, after a hearing conducted in accordance with
52 chapter 54 and regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (a) of
53 section 21a-9, impose a civil penalty of not more than one thousand
54 dollars on any person who engages in activities for which a license is
55 required pursuant to this chapter or who violates any other provisions
56 of this chapter or of regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2008</i>	20-656

Statement of Purpose:

To grant expanded license revocation and suspension powers and to allow the State Board of Examiners of Shorthand Reporters to impose civil penalties for the unauthorized practice of shorthand reporting.

[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.]