



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 5230

House of Representatives, March 29, 2010

The Committee on General Law reported through REP. SHAPIRO of the 144th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE LICENSING OF SWIMMING POOL INSTALLERS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section,
2 "swimming pool" means any structure intended for swimming,
3 including, but not limited to, in-ground and above-ground structures,
4 but not including hot tubs and spas.

5 (b) On or after January 1, 2012, no person shall install a swimming
6 pool unless such person holds a swimming pool installer license issued
7 by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection.

8 (c) Not later than April 1, 2011, the Commissioner of Consumer
9 Protection shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of
10 chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement the provisions of this
11 section, including establishing the amount and type of experience,
12 training and examination requirements for a person to obtain a
13 swimming pool installer license.

14 (d) Any person who installs a swimming pool on residential
15 property owned by such person shall be exempt from the provisions of
16 this section.

17 (e) The holder of a swimming pool installer license issued pursuant
18 to this section shall comply with the provisions of chapter 400 of the
19 general statutes regarding registration as a home improvement
20 contractor.

21 (f) The fee for a swimming pool installer license shall be one
22 hundred fifty dollars. Licenses shall be valid for a period of one year
23 from the date of issuance.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

GL *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 11 \$	FY 12 \$
Consumer Protection, Dept.	GF - Revenue Gain	None	90,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in an estimated revenue gain of \$90,000 in FY 12 due to the imposition of a \$150 license fee for pool installers. There are an estimated 600 such installers in the state of Connecticut.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of fees paid.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

This bill creates a new swimming pool installer license. After January 1, 2012, no one can install a swimming pool unless he or she receives a license from the consumer protection commissioner and is registered as a home improvement contractor. The license fee is \$150 and is renewable annually.

The bill requires the commissioner to adopt regulations before April 1, 2011, that include the amount and type of experience, training, and examination requirements needed to obtain a license.

Finally, the bill excludes anyone who is installing swimming pools on his or her own property from the license requirement. It defines a swimming pool as any in- or above-ground structure intended for swimming but does not include hot tubs and spas.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 16 Nay 3 (03/11/2010)