



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 6504

House of Representatives, April 5, 2011

The Committee on Environment reported through REP. ROY of the 119th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

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

1 Section 1. Section 1-24 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

3 The following officers may administer oaths: (1) The clerks of the
4 Senate, the clerks of the House of Representatives and the chairpersons
5 of committees of the General Assembly or of either branch thereof,
6 during its session; (2) state officers, as defined in subsection (t) of
7 section 9-1, judges and clerks of any court, family support magistrates,
8 judge trial referees, justices of the peace, commissioners of the Superior
9 Court, notaries public, town clerks and assistant town clerks, in all
10 cases where an oath may be administered, except in a case where the
11 law otherwise requires; (3) commissioners on insolvent estates,
12 auditors, arbitrators and committees, to parties and witnesses, in all
13 cases tried before them; (4) assessors and boards of assessment

14 appeals, in cases coming before them; (5) commissioners appointed by
15 governors of other states to take the acknowledgment of deeds, in the
16 discharge of their official duty; (6) the moderator of a school district
17 meeting, in such meeting, to the clerk of such district, as required by
18 law; (7) the first selectman, in any matter before the board of
19 selectmen; (8) the Chief Medical Examiner, Deputy Medical Examiner
20 and assistant medical examiners of the Office of the Medical Examiner,
21 in any matter before them; (9) registrars of vital statistics, in any matter
22 before them; (10) any chief inspector or inspector appointed pursuant
23 to section 51-286; (11) registrars of voters, deputy registrars, assistant
24 registrars, and moderators, in any matter before them; (12) special
25 assistant registrars, in matters provided for in subsections (b) and (c) of
26 section 9-19b and section 9-19c; (13) the Commissioner of Public Safety
27 and any sworn member of any local police department or the Division
28 of State Police within the Department of Public Safety, in all affidavits,
29 statements, depositions, complaints or reports made to or by any
30 member of any local police department or said Division of State Police
31 or any constable who is under the supervision of said commissioner or
32 any of such officers of said Division of State Police and who is certified
33 under the provisions of sections 7-294a to 7-294e, inclusive, and
34 performs criminal law enforcement duties; (14) judge advocates of the
35 United States Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps, law
36 specialists of the United States Coast Guard, adjutants, assistant
37 adjutants, acting adjutants and personnel adjutants, commanding
38 officers, executive officers and officers whose rank is lieutenant
39 commander or major, or above, of the armed forces, as defined in
40 section 27-103, to persons serving with or in the armed forces, as
41 defined in said section, or their spouses; (15) investigators, deputy
42 investigators, investigative aides, secretaries, clerical assistants, social
43 workers, social worker trainees, paralegals and certified legal interns
44 employed by or assigned to the Public Defender Services Commission
45 in the performance of their assigned duties; (16) bail commissioners
46 employed by the Judicial Department in the performance of their
47 assigned duties; (17) juvenile matter investigators employed by the
48 Division of Criminal Justice in the performance of their assigned

49 duties; (18) the chairperson of the Connecticut Siting Council or the
 50 chairperson's designee; (19) the presiding officer at an agency hearing
 51 under section 4-177b; (20) family relations counselors employed by the
 52 Judicial Department and support enforcement officers and
 53 investigators employed by the Department of Social Services Bureau of
 54 Child Support Enforcement and the Judicial Department, in the
 55 performance of their assigned duties; (21) the chairperson, vice-
 56 chairperson, members and employees of the Board of Pardons and
 57 Paroles, in the performance of their assigned duties; [and] (22) the
 58 Commissioner of Correction or the commissioner's designee; and (23)
 59 sworn law enforcement officers, appointed under section 26-5, within
 60 the Department of Environmental Protection, in all affidavits,
 61 statements, depositions, complaints or reports made to or by any such
 62 sworn law enforcement officer.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	1-24

ENV *Joint Favorable*

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 12 \$	FY 13 \$
Department of Environmental Protection	GF - Savings	Less than \$2,500	Less than 2,500

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill allows all sworn Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) law enforcement officers to administer oaths. This will result in a savings of less than \$2,500 as DEP will realize reduced notary fees. Currently, DEP incurs various fees for notary application fees, expiration stamps, and raised seals.

There are currently ten DEP law enforcement officers who are notaries.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.***

SUMMARY:

This bill allows environmental protection conservation officers to administer oaths for affidavits, statements, depositions, complaints, or reports made by or to the officers.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 25 Nay 0 (03/21/2011)