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Referred to Committee on Commerce

Introduced by:

(CE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING LICENSED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1,  
2 2012, the Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall develop and  
3 maintain a public on-line electronic database of all professional  
4 engineers licensed by the state and qualified, pursuant to section 32-  
5 31a of the general statutes, as amended by this act, to certify to a state  
6 agency with authority to issue a permit for an economic development  
7 project that such economic development project is in compliance with  
8 all requirements for issuance of a state permit by such agency. Such  
9 database shall include the name and address of the business entity  
10 such professional engineer is employed by or affiliated with. The  
11 commissioner shall annually update such database.

12 Sec. 2. Section 32-31a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
13 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

14 (a) As used in subsection (b) of this section:

15 (1) "Economic development project" means any project which is to

16 be used or occupied by any person for (A) manufacturing, industrial,  
17 research, office or product warehousing or distribution purposes or  
18 hydroponic or aquaponic food production purposes and which the  
19 Connecticut Development Authority determines will tend to maintain  
20 or provide gainful employment, maintain or increase the tax base of  
21 the economy, or maintain, expand or diversify industry in the state, (B)  
22 controlling, abating, preventing or disposing land, water, air or other  
23 environmental pollution, including, without limitation, thermal,  
24 radiation, sewage, wastewater, solid waste, toxic waste, noise or  
25 particulate pollution, except resources recovery facilities, as defined in  
26 section 22a-219a, used for the principal purpose of processing  
27 municipal solid waste and which are not expansions or additions to  
28 resources recovery facilities operating on July 1, 1990, (C) the  
29 conservation of energy or utilization of cogeneration technology or  
30 solar, wind, hydro, biomass or other renewable sources to produce  
31 energy for any industrial or commercial application, or (D) any other  
32 purpose which the authority determines will materially contribute to  
33 the economic base of the state by creating or retaining jobs, promoting  
34 the export of products or services beyond state boundaries,  
35 encouraging innovation in products or services, or otherwise  
36 contributing to, supporting or enhancing existing activities that are  
37 important to the economic base of the state.

38 (2) "Professional engineer" means a person who is qualified by  
39 reason of his knowledge of mathematics, the physical sciences and the  
40 principles of engineering, acquired by professional education and  
41 practical experience, to engage in engineering practice, including  
42 rendering or offering to render to clients any professional service such  
43 as consultation, investigation, evaluation, planning, design or  
44 responsible supervision of construction, in connection with any public  
45 or privately owned structures, buildings, machines, equipment,  
46 processes, works or projects in which the public welfare or the  
47 safeguarding of life, public health or property is concerned or  
48 involved, and who is licensed by the state of Connecticut as a  
49 professional engineer pursuant to chapter 391.

50 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, any  
51 professional engineer licensed in accordance with the provisions of  
52 chapter 391 and included in the database created pursuant to section 1  
53 of this act may certify to a state agency with authority to issue a permit  
54 for an economic development project under any provision of the  
55 general statutes that such economic development project is in  
56 compliance with all requirements for issuance of a state permit by such  
57 state agency.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	32-31a

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to create an on-line database of professional engineers for use by individuals and municipalities to certify that economic development projects are in compliance with all requirements for issuance of a state permit by a state agency.

*[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.]*