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DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

TO: Legislative Regulation Review Committee
Capitol Building, Hartford, Connecticut

FROM: William M. Rubenstein, Commissioner of Consumer Protection
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SUBJECT: Proposed Regulations Concerning Swimming Pool Builders and Contractors

Enclosed please find the original proposed regulations concerning Swimming Pool Builder and Contractors. If you should have any questions, please call Attorney Jerry Padula of my legal staff at 860/713-6087.

SUMMARY OF REGULATION

Section 1 of these proposed regulations implements Public Act 2011-81 (section 1), codified as Conn. Gen. Stat. section 20-340d, which created a new category of occupational trade licenses for those engaged in the installation of swimming pools. The regulation specifies the details and standards by which a person may obtain this new license from the Department of Consumer Protection, incorporates the Home Improvement Act for entering into consumer contracts, and provides for continuing education requirements.

Section 2 of the regulation incorporates the changes made by Public Acts 2008-44 and 2011-81 and minor language changes into current regulation section 20-417aa-1, related to "Swimming Pool Contractor" license types SP-1 and SP-2. These existing license categories exist pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. chapter 399b.

Within Section 3 of the regulation, continuing education is also added for the existing SP-1 and SP-2 license types.

The methods for obtaining each of the new licenses for swimming pool installers are described in these proposed regulations. On or after January 1, 2014, an examination will be required to obtain licensure, and continuing education will be required to maintain licensure, similar to the other occupational trade licenses issued by the Department such as those found within chapter 393 of the Connecticut General Statutes and the corresponding regulations. The existing SP-1 and SP-2 license types are being modified to remain current with the underlying statute, as well as adding continuing education requirements and making minor tweaks.

These proposed regulations implement Section One of Public Act 2011-81 by allowing the Department of Consumer Protection to issue new trade licenses for

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those engaged in the installation of swimming pools. Continuing education requirements are being implemented for the "Swimming Pool Contractor" license types found within chapter 399b, along with conforming those license types to the latest version of the underlying statute, section 20-417aa.

Enclosures

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