

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

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DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

Notice of Intent to Amend Regulations

In accordance with the authority granted in Sections 4-168, 20-340 and 20-417aa(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is the intention of the State of Connecticut, Department of Consumer Protection to amend the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies by adding Sections 20-340d-1 through to 20-340d-3 and Sections 20-417aa -1 through to 20-417aa-2, concerning Swimming Pool Builders and Contractors.

All interested persons who wish to express their views orally may do so at a public hearing to be held at the Department of Consumer Protection, Room 119, State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut 06106 at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, January 14, 2013.

All interested parties who wish to submit data, views or arguments may do so in writing within thirty (30) days following the publication of this notice. Such written materials should be directed to William M. Rubenstein, Commissioner, Department of Consumer Protection, Room 103, State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, 06106.

A copy of the proposed regulation, the Fiscal Note, and the Small Business Impact Statement applicable to the proposed regulation (as required by Public Act 09-19) are available for inspection at the address cited above, by requesting a copy of the same by telephoning the Department at 860-713-6086, or by viewing the same by clicking on the "Laws and Regulations" link on the Internet homepage of the Department: www.CT.gov/DCP.

Section 1 of the 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 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.
