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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S
RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING BULK WATER HAULERS.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) On and after October 1,
2 2014, no person shall act as a bulk water hauler unless such person has
3 obtained a license issued by the Department of Public Health in
4 accordance with this section. For purposes of this section: (1) "Bulk
5 water hauling" means transporting water from a public water system,
6 as defined in section 25-33d of the general statutes, in bulk by any
7 means to be used for drinking, culinary purposes or any other purpose
8 where it is likely that such water will be ingested by humans; (2) "bulk"
9 means two hundred fifty gallons of water or more; and (3)
10 "commissioner" means the Commissioner of Public Health or the
11 commissioner's designee.

12 (b) Each person seeking licensure as a bulk water hauler shall make
13 application on a form prescribed by the department, pay an
14 application fee of one hundred dollars and present evidence
15 satisfactory to the commissioner that the applicant has the

16 qualifications necessary to engage in bulk water hauling.

17 (c) The commissioner shall establish the qualifications to obtain a
18 license as a bulk water hauler and the requirements to ensure any
19 water transported by a bulk water hauler is fit for human
20 consumption.

21 (d) Licenses shall be renewed once every two years in accordance
22 with the provisions of section 19a-88 of the general statutes. The fee for
23 renewal shall be one hundred dollars. No license shall be issued under
24 this section to any applicant against whom professional disciplinary
25 action is pending or who is the subject of an unresolved complaint in
26 this or any other state or jurisdiction.

27 (e) Any water transported by bulk water hauling shall meet the
28 requirements of section 25-32 of the general statutes and regulations
29 adopted thereunder. Bulk water hauling to a public water system shall
30 be permitted only as a temporary measure to alleviate the public water
31 system's short-term water supply shortage.

32 (f) The commissioner may periodically inspect any equipment or
33 material used in connection with bulk water hauling, may investigate
34 any water supply from which a bulk water hauler obtains water in
35 accordance with section 25-34 of the general statutes and may issue
36 any order necessary to protect the public health. Any order issued
37 under this subsection shall not be stayed upon any appeal by a licensee
38 under section 25-34 or 25-36 of the general statutes.

39 (g) The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with
40 the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement the
41 provisions of this section.

42 (h) The Commissioner of Public Health may take any disciplinary
43 action set forth in section 19a-17 of the general statutes against a bulk
44 water hauler for any of the following reasons: (1) Fraud or deceit in
45 obtaining or renewing a license to act as a bulk water hauler; (2) fraud

46 or deceit rendering services under the license; (3) negligent,
47 incompetent or wrongful conduct in rendering services under the
48 license; or (4) violation of any provision of this section or regulations
49 adopted under this section. The commissioner may take action
50 pursuant to said section 19a-17 after providing notice and an
51 opportunity for a hearing on any contemplated action under said
52 section 19a-17.

53 (i) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall for
54 each offense be guilty of a class C misdemeanor.

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

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the Department of Public Health's recommendations concerning bulk water hauling.

[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.]