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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE FINDINGS OF THE MILITARY
OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY TASK FORCE."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 7-294d of the 2014 supplement
4 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in
5 lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

6 (b) No person may be employed as a police officer by any law
7 enforcement unit for a period exceeding one year unless such person
8 has been certified under the provisions of subsection (a) of this section
9 or has been granted an extension by the council. No person may serve
10 as a police officer during any period when such person's certification
11 has been cancelled or revoked pursuant to the provisions of subsection
12 (c) of this section. In addition to the requirements of this subsection,
13 the council may establish other qualifications for the employment of
14 police officers and require evidence of fulfillment of these

15 qualifications. The certification of any police officer who is not
16 employed by a law enforcement unit for a period of time in excess of
17 two years, unless such officer is on leave of absence, shall be
18 considered lapsed. Upon reemployment as a police officer, such officer
19 shall apply for recertification in a manner provided by the council. The
20 council shall certify any applicant who presents evidence of
21 satisfactory completion of a program or course of instruction in
22 another state or, if the applicant is a veteran or a member of the armed
23 forces or the National Guard, as part of training during service in the
24 armed forces, that is equivalent in content and quality to that required
25 in this state, provided such applicant passes an examination or
26 evaluation as required by the council. For the purposes of this section,
27 "veteran" means any person who was discharged or released under
28 conditions other than dishonorable from active service in the armed
29 forces and "armed forces" has the same meaning as provided in section
30 27-103.

31 Sec. 2. Subsection (e) of section 14-36 of the 2014 supplement to the
32 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
33 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

34 (e) (1) No motor vehicle operator's license shall be issued until (A)
35 the applicant signs and files with the commissioner an application
36 under oath, or made subject to penalties for false statement in
37 accordance with section 53a-157b, and (B) the commissioner is satisfied
38 that the applicant is sixteen years of age or older and is a suitable
39 person to receive the license.

40 (2) An applicant for a new motor vehicle operator's license shall, in
41 the discretion of the commissioner, file, with the application, a copy of
42 such applicant's birth certificate or other prima facie evidence of date
43 of birth and evidence of identity.

44 (3) Before granting a license to any applicant who has not
45 previously held a Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license, or who
46 has not operated a motor vehicle during the preceding two years, the

47 commissioner shall require the applicant to demonstrate personally to
48 the commissioner, a deputy or a motor vehicle inspector or an agent of
49 the commissioner, in such manner as the commissioner directs, that
50 the applicant is a proper person to operate motor vehicles of the class
51 for which such applicant has applied, has sufficient knowledge of the
52 mechanism of the motor vehicles to ensure their safe operation by him
53 or her and has satisfactory knowledge of the laws concerning motor
54 vehicles and the rules of the road. The knowledge test of an applicant
55 for a class D motor vehicle operator's license may be administered in
56 such form as the commissioner deems appropriate, including audio,
57 electronic or written testing. Such knowledge test shall be
58 administered in English, Spanish or any language spoken at home by
59 at least one per cent of the state's population, according to statistics
60 prepared by the United States Census Bureau, based on the most
61 recent decennial census. Each such knowledge test shall include a
62 question concerning highway work zone safety and the responsibilities
63 of an operator of a motor vehicle under section 14-212d. Each such
64 knowledge test shall include not less than one question concerning
65 distracted driving, the use of mobile telephones and electronic devices
66 by motor vehicle operators or the responsibilities of motor vehicle
67 operators under section 14-296aa. If any such applicant has held a
68 license from a state, territory or possession of the United States where
69 a similar examination is required, [or if any such applicant is a person
70 honorably separated from the United States armed forces who applies
71 within two years following the separation and who, prior to the
72 separation, held a military operator's license for motor vehicles of the
73 same class as that for which such applicant has applied,] the
74 commissioner may waive part or all of the examination. If any such
75 applicant is (A) a veteran who applies not later than two years after the
76 date of discharge from the military and who, prior to such discharge,
77 held a military operator's license for motor vehicles of the same class as
78 that for which such applicant has applied, or (B) a member of the
79 armed forces or the National Guard who currently holds a military
80 operator's license for motor vehicles of the same class as that for which

81 such applicant has applied, the commissioner shall waive all of the
82 examination, except in the case of commercial motor vehicle licenses,
83 the commissioner shall only waive the driving skills test for such
84 applicant who meets the conditions set forth in 49 CFR 383.77. For the
85 purposes of this subsection, "veteran" means any person who was
86 discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable from
87 active service in the armed forces and "armed forces" has the same
88 meaning as provided in section 27-103. When the commissioner is
89 satisfied as to the ability and competency of any applicant, the
90 commissioner may issue to such applicant a license, either unlimited or
91 containing such limitations as the commissioner deems advisable, and
92 specifying the class of motor vehicles which the licensee is eligible to
93 operate.

94 (4) If any applicant or operator license holder has any health
95 problem which might affect such person's ability to operate a motor
96 vehicle safely, the commissioner may require the applicant or license
97 holder to demonstrate personally or otherwise establish that,
98 notwithstanding such problem, such applicant or license holder is a
99 proper person to operate a motor vehicle, and the commissioner may
100 further require a certificate of such applicant's condition, signed by a
101 medical authority designated by the commissioner, which certificate
102 shall in all cases be treated as confidential by the commissioner. A
103 license, containing such limitation as the commissioner deems
104 advisable, may be issued or renewed in any case, but nothing in this
105 section shall be construed to prevent the commissioner from refusing a
106 license, either limited or unlimited, to any person or suspending a
107 license of a person whom the commissioner determines to be incapable
108 of safely operating a motor vehicle. Consistent with budgetary
109 allotments, each motor vehicle operator's license issued to or renewed
110 by a deaf or hearing impaired person shall, upon the request of such
111 person, indicate such impairment. Such person shall submit a
112 certificate stating such impairment, in such form as the commissioner
113 may require and signed by a licensed health care practitioner.

114 (5) The issuance of a motor vehicle operator's license to any
115 applicant who is the holder of a license issued by another state shall be
116 subject to the provisions of sections 14-111c and 14-111k.

117 Sec. 3. Subsection (e) of section 14-36 of the 2014 supplement to the
118 general statutes, as amended by section 2 of public act 13-89, is
119 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
120 *January 1, 2015*):

121 (e) (1) No motor vehicle operator's license shall be issued until (A)
122 the applicant signs and files with the commissioner an application
123 under oath, or made subject to penalties for false statement in
124 accordance with section 53a-157b, and (B) the commissioner is satisfied
125 that the applicant is sixteen years of age or older and is a suitable
126 person to receive the license.

127 (2) Except any applicant described in section 14-36m, an applicant
128 for a new motor vehicle operator's license shall, in the discretion of the
129 commissioner, file, with the application, a copy of such applicant's
130 birth certificate or other prima facie evidence of date of birth and
131 evidence of identity.

132 (3) Before granting a license to any applicant who has not
133 previously held a Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license, or who
134 has not operated a motor vehicle during the preceding two years, the
135 commissioner shall require the applicant to demonstrate personally to
136 the commissioner, a deputy or a motor vehicle inspector or an agent of
137 the commissioner, in such manner as the commissioner directs, that
138 the applicant is a proper person to operate motor vehicles of the class
139 for which such applicant has applied, has sufficient knowledge of the
140 mechanism of the motor vehicles to ensure their safe operation by him
141 or her and has satisfactory knowledge of the laws concerning motor
142 vehicles and the rules of the road. The knowledge test of an applicant
143 for a class D motor vehicle operator's license may be administered in
144 such form as the commissioner deems appropriate, including audio,
145 electronic or written testing. Such knowledge test shall be

146 administered in English, Spanish or any language spoken at home by
147 at least one per cent of the state's population, according to statistics
148 prepared by the United States Census Bureau, based on the most
149 recent decennial census. If any such applicant has held a license from a
150 state, territory or possession of the United States where a similar
151 examination is required, [or if any such applicant is a person
152 honorably separated from the United States armed forces who applies
153 within two years following the separation and who, prior to the
154 separation, held a military operator's license for motor vehicles of the
155 same class as that for which such applicant has applied,] the
156 commissioner may waive part or all of the examination. If any such
157 applicant is (A) a veteran who applies not later than two years after the
158 date of discharge from the military and who, prior to such discharge,
159 held a military operator's license for motor vehicles of the same class as
160 that for which such applicant has applied, or (B) a member of the
161 armed forces or the National Guard who currently holds a military
162 operator's license for motor vehicles of the same class as that for which
163 such applicant has applied, the commissioner shall waive all of the
164 examination, except in the case of commercial motor vehicle licenses,
165 the commissioner shall only waive the driving skills test for such
166 applicant who meets the conditions set forth in 49 CFR 383.77. For the
167 purposes of this subsection, "veteran" means any person who was
168 discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable from
169 active service in the armed forces and "armed forces" has the same
170 meaning as provided in section 27-103. When the commissioner is
171 satisfied as to the ability and competency of any applicant, the
172 commissioner may issue to such applicant a license, either unlimited or
173 containing such limitations as the commissioner deems advisable, and
174 specifying the class of motor vehicles which the licensee is eligible to
175 operate.

176 (4) If any applicant or operator license holder has any health
177 problem which might affect such person's ability to operate a motor
178 vehicle safely, the commissioner may require the applicant or license
179 holder to demonstrate personally or otherwise establish that,

180 notwithstanding such problem, such applicant or license holder is a
181 proper person to operate a motor vehicle, and the commissioner may
182 further require a certificate of such applicant's condition, signed by a
183 medical authority designated by the commissioner, which certificate
184 shall in all cases be treated as confidential by the commissioner. A
185 license, containing such limitation as the commissioner deems
186 advisable, may be issued or renewed in any case, but nothing in this
187 section shall be construed to prevent the commissioner from refusing a
188 license, either limited or unlimited, to any person or suspending a
189 license of a person whom the commissioner determines to be incapable
190 of safely operating a motor vehicle. Consistent with budgetary
191 allotments, each motor vehicle operator's license issued to or renewed
192 by a deaf or hearing impaired person shall, upon the request of such
193 person, indicate such impairment. Such person shall submit a
194 certificate stating such impairment, in such form as the commissioner
195 may require and signed by a licensed health care practitioner.

196 (5) The issuance of a motor vehicle operator's license to any
197 applicant who is the holder of a license issued by another state shall be
198 subject to the provisions of sections 14-111c and 14-111k.

199 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) Any member of the armed
200 forces or National Guard or any veteran, within two years of such
201 veteran's discharge from the armed forces, may submit an application
202 for military training evaluation to the Labor Department program of
203 apprentice training set forth in section 31-22q of the general statutes, as
204 amended by this act. Such application shall include (1) evidence of
205 satisfactory completion of a program or course of instruction as part of
206 military training that is equivalent in content and quality to that
207 required for a specific trade in this state, and (2) if such applicant is a
208 veteran, such veteran's military discharge document or a certified copy
209 thereof. The Labor Commissioner shall evaluate any such application
210 and determine whether the applicant's military training may be
211 substituted for all or part of the term of an apprenticeship program
212 registered with the Labor Department for a specific trade. If the

213 commissioner determines that the applicant's military training is
214 equivalent to the training required for completion of such
215 apprenticeship program, the commissioner shall issue such applicant a
216 recommendation for review by the appropriate examining board
217 established under section 20-331 of the general statutes. Presentation of
218 such recommendation, pursuant to section 20-333 of the general
219 statutes, as amended by this act, shall allow such applicant to sit for
220 any licensure examination without participation in an apprenticeship
221 program. If the commissioner determines that the applicant's military
222 training is equivalent to part of the training required for completion of
223 an apprenticeship program, such applicant's hours of qualified
224 military training, as determined by the commissioner, shall be
225 deducted from the hours of apprenticeship training required for the
226 specific trade provided (A) such applicant completes the minimum
227 number of hours of apprenticeship training required under federal
228 law, and (B) prior to implementation of this provision, the Labor
229 Department obtain concurrence with such provision from the federal
230 office of apprenticeship pursuant to 29 CFR 29.13(b)(9). For the
231 purposes of this section, (i) "veteran" means any person who was
232 discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable from
233 active service in the armed forces, (ii) "armed forces" has the same
234 meaning as provided in section 27-103 of the general statutes, and (iii)
235 "military discharge document" has the same meaning as provided in
236 section 1-219 of the general statutes.

237 Sec. 5. Section 20-333 of the general statutes is repealed and the
238 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

239 To obtain a license under this chapter, an applicant shall have
240 attained such applicant's eighteenth birthday and shall furnish such
241 evidence of competency as the appropriate board, with the consent of
242 the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, shall require. A
243 recommendation for review issued pursuant to section 4 of this act
244 shall be sufficient to demonstrate such competency. The applicant shall
245 satisfy such board that such applicant is of good moral character,

246 possesses a diploma or other evidence of graduation from the eighth
247 grade of grammar school, or possesses an equivalent education to be
248 determined on examination and has the requisite skill to perform the
249 work in the trade for which such applicant is applying for a license and
250 can comply with all other requirements of this chapter and the
251 regulations adopted under this chapter. A recommendation for review
252 issued pursuant to section 4 of this act shall be sufficient to
253 demonstrate that an applicant possesses such requisite skill and can
254 comply with all other requirements of this chapter and the regulations
255 adopted under this chapter. For any application submitted pursuant to
256 this section that requires a hearing or other action by the applicable
257 examining board, such hearing or other action by the applicable
258 examining board shall occur not later than thirty days after the date of
259 submission for such application. Upon application for any such
260 license, the applicant shall pay to the department a nonrefundable
261 application fee of ninety dollars for a license under subdivisions (2)
262 and (3) of subsection (a) and subdivision (4) of subsection (e) of section
263 20-334a, or a nonrefundable application fee of one hundred fifty
264 dollars for a license under subdivision (1) of subsection (a),
265 subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection (b), subdivision (1) of subsection
266 (c) and subdivisions (1), (2) and (3) of subsection (e) of section 20-334a.
267 Any such application fee shall be waived for persons who present a
268 recommendation for review issued pursuant to section 4 of this act.
269 The department shall conduct such written, oral and practical
270 examinations as the appropriate board, with the consent of the
271 commissioner, deems necessary to test the knowledge of the applicant
272 in the work for which a license is being sought. The department shall
273 allow any applicant, who has not participated in an apprenticeship
274 program but presents a recommendation for review issued pursuant to
275 section 4 of this act, to sit for any such examination. Any person
276 completing the required apprentice training program for a
277 journeyman's license under section 20-334a shall, within thirty days
278 following such completion, apply for a licensure examination given by
279 the department. If an applicant does not pass such licensure

280 examination, the commissioner shall provide each failed applicant
281 with information on how to retake the examination and a report
282 describing the applicant's strengths and weaknesses in such
283 examination. Any apprentice permit issued under section 20-334a to an
284 applicant who fails three licensure examinations in any one-year
285 period shall remain in effect if such applicant applies for and takes the
286 first licensure examination given by the department following the
287 one-year period from the date of such applicant's third and last
288 unsuccessful licensure examination. Otherwise, such permit shall be
289 revoked as of the date of the first examination given by the department
290 following expiration of such one-year period. When an applicant has
291 qualified for a license, the department shall, upon receipt of the license
292 fee or upon waiver of such fee pursuant to section 20-335, as amended
293 by this act, issue to such applicant a license entitling such applicant to
294 engage in the work or occupation for which a license was sought and
295 shall register each successful applicant's name and address in the
296 roster of licensed persons authorized to engage in the work or
297 occupation within the appropriate board's authority. All fees and other
298 moneys collected by the department shall be promptly transmitted to
299 the State Treasurer as provided in section 4-32.

300 Sec. 6. Section 20-335 of the 2014 supplement to the general statutes
301 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
302 *October 1, 2014*):

303 Any person who has successfully completed an examination for
304 such person's initial license under this chapter shall pay to the
305 Department of Consumer Protection a fee of one hundred fifty dollars
306 for a contractor's license or a fee of one hundred twenty dollars for any
307 other such license. Any such initial license fee shall be waived for
308 persons who present a recommendation for review issued pursuant to
309 section 4 of this act. All such licenses shall expire annually. No person
310 shall carry on or engage in the work or occupations subject to this
311 chapter after the expiration of such person's license until such person
312 has filed an application bearing the date of such person's registration

313 card with the appropriate board. Such application shall be in writing,
314 addressed to the secretary of the board from which such renewal is
315 sought and signed by the person applying for such renewal. A licensee
316 applying for renewal shall, at such times as the commissioner shall by
317 regulation prescribe, furnish evidence satisfactory to the board that the
318 licensee has completed any continuing professional education required
319 under sections 20-330 to 20-341, inclusive, or any regulations adopted
320 thereunder. The board may renew such license if the application for
321 such renewal is received by the board no later than one month after the
322 date of expiration of such license, upon payment to the department of
323 a renewal fee of one hundred fifty dollars in the case of a contractor
324 and of one hundred twenty dollars for any other such license. For any
325 completed renewal application submitted pursuant to this section that
326 requires a hearing or other action by the applicable examining board,
327 such hearing or other action by the applicable examining board shall
328 occur not later than thirty days after the date of submission for such
329 completed renewal application. The department shall issue a receipt
330 stating the fact of such payment, which receipt shall be a license to
331 engage in such work or occupation. A licensee who has failed to renew
332 such licensee's license for a period of over two years from the date of
333 expiration of such license shall have it reinstated only upon complying
334 with the requirements of section 20-333, as amended by this act. All
335 license fees and renewal fees paid to the department pursuant to this
336 section shall be deposited in the General Fund.

337 Sec. 7. Section 31-22m of the general statutes is repealed and the
338 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

339 When used in sections 31-22m to 31-22q, as amended by this act,
340 inclusive, and section 4 of this act, "apprentice" means a person
341 employed under a written agreement to work at and learn a specific
342 trade; "apprentice agreement" means a written agreement entered into
343 by an apprentice, or on his behalf by his parent or guardian, with an
344 employer, or with an association of employers and an organization of
345 employees acting as a joint apprenticeship committee, which

346 agreement provides for not less than two thousand hours of work
347 experience in approved trade training consistent with recognized
348 requirements established by industry or joint labor-industry practice
349 and for the number of hours of related and supplemental instructions
350 prescribed by the Connecticut State Apprenticeship Council or which
351 agreement meets requirements of the federal government for on-the-
352 job training schedules which are essential, in the opinion of the Labor
353 Commissioner, for the development of manpower in Connecticut
354 industries; "council" means the Connecticut State Apprenticeship
355 Council.

356 Sec. 8. Section 31-22o of the general statutes is repealed and the
357 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

358 The council may adopt recommendations for minimum standards
359 of apprenticeship and for related and supplementary instruction,
360 encourage registration and approval of apprentice agreements and
361 training programs, and issue certificates of completion upon the
362 verification by employers or joint apprenticeship committees of the
363 satisfactory completion of the term of apprenticeship. The council shall
364 formulate policies for the effective administration of sections 31-22m to
365 31-22q, as amended by this act, inclusive, and section 4 of this act. Such
366 policies by the council shall not invalidate any apprenticeship
367 provision in any collective bargaining agreement between employers
368 and employees. All apprentice programs adopted and registered with
369 the council under said sections shall be on a voluntary basis and shall
370 be installed for the purpose of developing skilled workers for the
371 service trades and industries of Connecticut.

372 Sec. 9. Section 31-22q of the general statutes is repealed and the
373 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

374 To assist in the administration of sections 31-22m to 31-22q, as
375 amended by this act, inclusive, and section 4 of this act, there shall
376 continue to be maintained in the Labor Department a program of
377 apprentice training. The Labor Commissioner is authorized to appoint,

378 in accordance with the provisions of chapter 67, such personnel as may
379 be necessary for effective administration of said sections.

380 Sec. 10. Section 29-161q of the 2014 supplement to the general
381 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
382 (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

383 (a) Any security service or business may employ as many security
384 officers as such security service or business deems necessary for the
385 conduct of the business, provided such security officers are of good
386 moral character and at least eighteen years of age.

387 (b) No person hired or otherwise engaged to perform work as a
388 security officer, as defined in section 29-152u, shall perform the duties
389 of a security officer prior to being licensed as a security officer by the
390 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection. Each
391 applicant for a license shall complete a minimum of eight hours
392 training in the following areas: Basic first aid, search and seizure laws
393 and regulations, use of force, basic criminal justice and public safety
394 issues. The commissioner shall waive such training for any person
395 who, (A) while serving in the armed forces or the National Guard, or
396 (B) if such person is a veteran, within two years of such person's
397 discharge from the armed forces, presents proof that such person has
398 completed military training that is equivalent to the training required
399 by this subsection, and, if applicable, such person's military discharge
400 document or a certified copy thereof. For the purposes of this
401 subsection, "veteran" means any person who was discharged or
402 released under conditions other than dishonorable from active service
403 in the armed forces, "armed forces" has the same meaning as provided
404 in section 27-103, and "military discharge document" has the same
405 meaning as provided in section 1-219. The training shall be approved
406 by the commissioner in accordance with regulations adopted pursuant
407 to section 29-161x.

408 (1) On and after October 1, 2008, no person or employee of an
409 association, corporation or partnership shall conduct such training

410 without the approval of the commissioner except as provided in
411 subdivision (2) of this subsection. Application for such approval shall
412 be submitted on forms prescribed by the commissioner and
413 accompanied by a fee of forty dollars. Such application shall be made
414 under oath and shall contain the applicant's name, address, date and
415 place of birth, employment for the previous five years, education or
416 training in the subjects required to be taught under this subsection, any
417 convictions for violations of the law and such other information as the
418 commissioner may require by regulation adopted pursuant to section
419 29-161x to properly investigate the character, competency and integrity
420 of the applicant. No person shall be approved as an instructor for such
421 training who has been convicted of a felony, a sexual offense or a crime
422 of moral turpitude or who has been denied approval as a security
423 service licensee, a security officer or instructor in the security industry
424 by any licensing authority, or whose approval has been revoked or
425 suspended. The term for such approval shall not exceed two years. Not
426 later than two business days after a change of address, any person
427 approved as an instructor in accordance with this section shall notify
428 the commissioner of such change and such notification shall include
429 both the old and new addresses.

430 (2) If a security officer training course described in this subsection is
431 approved by the commissioner on or before September 30, 2008, the
432 instructor of such course shall have until April 1, 2009, to apply for
433 approval as an instructor in accordance with subdivision (1) of this
434 subsection.

435 (3) Each person approved as an instructor in accordance with this
436 section may apply for the renewal of such approval on a form
437 approved by the commissioner, accompanied by a fee of forty dollars.
438 Such form may require the disclosure of any information necessary for
439 the commissioner to determine whether the instructor's suitability to
440 serve as an instructor has changed since the issuance of the prior
441 approval. The term of such renewed approval shall not exceed two
442 years.

443 (c) Not later than two years after successful completion of the
444 training required pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, or the
445 waiver of such training, the applicant may submit an application for a
446 license as a security officer on forms furnished by the commissioner
447 and, under oath, shall give the applicant's name, address, date and
448 place of birth, employment for the previous five years, experience in
449 the position applied for, including military training and weapons
450 qualifications, any convictions for violations of the law and such other
451 information as the commissioner may require, by regulation, to
452 properly investigate the character, competency and integrity of the
453 applicant. Applicants shall submit with their application two sets of
454 fingerprints of the employee and the Commissioner of Emergency
455 Services and Public Protection shall require any applicant for a license
456 under this section to submit to state and national criminal history
457 records checks conducted in accordance with section 29-17a.
458 Applicants shall submit with their application two sets of their
459 fingerprints and two full-face photographs of them, two inches wide
460 by two inches high, taken not earlier than six months prior to the date
461 of application, and a one-hundred-dollar licensing fee, made payable
462 to the state. Applicants who received a waiver as provided in
463 subsection (b) of this section shall be exempt from payment of such
464 licensing fee. Subject to the provisions of section 46a-80, no person
465 shall be approved for a license who has been convicted of a felony, any
466 sexual offense or any crime involving moral turpitude, or who has
467 been refused a license under the provisions of sections 29-161g to 29-
468 161x, inclusive, for any reason except minimum experience, or whose
469 license, having been granted, has been revoked or is under suspension.
470 Upon being satisfied of the suitability of the applicant for licensure, the
471 commissioner may license the applicant as a security officer. Such
472 license shall be renewed every five years for a one-hundred-dollar fee.

473 (d) Upon the security officer's successful completion of training and
474 licensing by the commissioner, or immediately upon hiring a licensed
475 security officer, the security service employing such security officer
476 shall apply to register such security officer with the commissioner on

477 forms provided by the commissioner. Such application shall be
478 accompanied by payment of a forty-dollar application fee payable to
479 the state. The Division of State Police within the Department of
480 Emergency Services and Public Protection shall keep on file the
481 completed registration form and all related material. An identification
482 card with the name, date of birth, address, full-face photograph,
483 physical descriptors and signature of the applicant shall be issued to
484 the security officer, and shall be carried by the security officer at all
485 times while performing the duties associated with the security officer's
486 employment. Registered security officers, in the course of performing
487 their duties, shall present such card for inspection upon the request of
488 a law enforcement officer.

489 (e) The security service shall notify the commissioner not later than
490 five days after the termination of employment of any registered
491 employee.

492 (f) Any fee or portion of a fee paid pursuant to this section shall not
493 be refundable.

494 (g) No person, firm or corporation shall employ or otherwise engage
495 any person as a security officer, as defined in section 29-152u, unless
496 such person is a licensed security officer.

497 (h) Any person, firm or corporation that violates any provision of
498 subsection (b), (d), (e) or (g) of this section shall be fined seventy-five
499 dollars for each offense. Each distinct violation of this section shall be a
500 separate offense and, in the case of a continuing violation, each day
501 thereof shall be deemed a separate offense.

502 Sec. 11. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2014*) (a) An institution of higher
503 education shall award college credit for military occupational specialty
504 training to a member of the armed forces or the National Guard or a
505 veteran who enrolls at such institution and has experience in a military
506 occupation recognized by such institution as substituting for or
507 meeting the requirements of a particular course of study. For the

508 purposes of this section, "veteran" means any person who was
509 discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable from
510 active service in the armed forces and "armed forces" has the same
511 meaning as provided in section 27-103 of the general statutes.

512 (b) Not later than July 1, 2016, the Board of Regents for Higher
513 Education and the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut,
514 in consultation with the institutions of higher education in the state,
515 shall develop and adopt guidelines on awarding college credit for a
516 student's military training, coursework and education. Such guidelines
517 shall include course equivalency recommendations adopted by the
518 American Council on Education or by other institutions or
519 organizations deemed reputable by the Board of Regents for Higher
520 Education and the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut.
521 Until the adoption of such guidelines, any institution of higher
522 education that awards college credit for such training, coursework and
523 education shall use course equivalency recommendations adopted by
524 the American Council on Education, a portfolio assessment process
525 when appropriate or the institution's transfer and articulation policies
526 when assigning college credit to a military occupation. Upon adoption
527 of such guidelines, the governing body of each institution of higher
528 education in the state shall develop and implement policies governing
529 the awarding of college credit for a student's military training,
530 coursework and education.

531 Sec. 12. Section 31-2 of the general statutes is repealed and the
532 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

533 (a) The Labor Commissioner shall collect information upon the
534 subject of labor, its relation to capital, the hours of labor, the earnings
535 of laboring men and women and the means of promoting their
536 material, social, intellectual and moral prosperity, and shall have
537 power to summon and examine under oath such witnesses, and may
538 direct the production of, and examine or cause to be produced and
539 examined, such books, records, vouchers, memoranda, documents,

540 letters, contracts or other papers in relation thereto as he deems
541 necessary, and shall have the same powers in relation thereto as are
542 vested in magistrates in taking depositions, but for this purpose
543 persons shall not be required to leave the vicinity of their residences or
544 places of business. Said commissioner shall collect and collate
545 population and employment data to project who is working, who is
546 not working and who will be entering the job market and shall provide
547 an analysis of data concerning present job requirements and potential
548 needs of new industry. The commissioner shall include in his annual
549 report to the Governor, as provided in section 4-60, all the aforesaid
550 statistical details.

551 (b) The commissioner shall administer the coordination of all
552 employment and training programs in the state and shall implement
553 the plan of the Connecticut Employment and Training Commission as
554 approved by the Governor. The commissioner shall develop and
555 maintain a comprehensive inventory of all employment and training
556 programs in the state, including a listing of all funding sources for each
557 program, the characteristics of the persons served, a description of
558 each program and its results and the identification of areas of program
559 overlap and duplication.

560 (c) The commissioner shall provide staff to the Connecticut
561 Employment and Training Commission and such other resources as
562 the commissioner can make available.

563 (d) The commissioner may request the Attorney General to bring an
564 action in Superior Court for injunctive relief requiring compliance with
565 any statute, regulation, order or permit administered, adopted or
566 issued by the commissioner.

567 (e) The commissioner shall assist state agencies, boards and
568 commissions that issue occupational certificates or licenses in (1)
569 determining when to recognize and accept military training and
570 experience in lieu of all or part of the training and experience required
571 for a specific professional or occupational license, and (2) reviewing

572 and revising policies and procedures to ensure that relevant military
573 education, skills and training are given appropriate recognition in the
574 certification and licensing process.

575 Sec. 13. Section 19a-179 of the general statutes is repealed and the
576 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

577 (a) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with
578 chapter 54, concerning (1) the methods and conditions for the issuance,
579 renewal and reinstatement of licensure and certification or
580 recertification of emergency medical service personnel, (2) the methods
581 and conditions for licensure and certification of the operations,
582 facilities and equipment enumerated in section 19a-177, [and] (3)
583 complaint procedures for the public and any emergency medical
584 service organization, and (4) exemption of members of the armed
585 forces or the National Guard or veterans with appropriate military
586 training, including, but not limited to, members of the armed forces or
587 the National Guard or veterans with a designation by the National
588 Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians and veterans or members
589 of the United States Navy and Coast Guard, from training and testing
590 requirements for emergency medical technician licensure and
591 certification. Such regulations shall be in conformity with the policies
592 and standards established by the commissioner. Such regulations shall
593 require that, as an express condition of the purchase of any business
594 holding a primary service area, the purchaser shall agree to abide by
595 any performance standards to which the purchased business was
596 obligated pursuant to its agreement with the municipality.

597 (b) The commissioner may issue an emergency medical technician
598 certificate to an applicant who presents evidence satisfactory to the
599 commissioner that the applicant (1) is currently certified as an
600 emergency medical technician in good standing in any New England
601 state, New York or New Jersey, (2) has completed an initial training
602 program consistent with the United States Department of
603 Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

604 emergency medical technician curriculum, and (3) has no pending
605 disciplinary action or unresolved complaint against him or her.

606 (c) The commissioner may issue a temporary emergency medical
607 technician certificate to an applicant who presents evidence
608 satisfactory to the commissioner that (1) the applicant was certified by
609 the department as an emergency medical technician prior to becoming
610 licensed as a paramedic pursuant to section 20-206ll, and (2) the
611 applicant's certification as an emergency medical technician has
612 expired and the applicant's license as a paramedic has become void
613 pursuant to section 19a-88. Such temporary certificate shall be valid for
614 a period not to exceed one year and shall not be renewable.

615 (d) An applicant who is issued a temporary emergency medical
616 technician certificate pursuant to subsection (c) of this section may,
617 prior to the expiration of such temporary certificate, apply to the
618 department for:

619 (1) Renewal of such person's paramedic license, giving such
620 person's name in full, such person's residence and business address
621 and such other information as the department requests, provided the
622 application for license renewal is accompanied by evidence satisfactory
623 to the commissioner that the applicant was under the medical
624 oversight of a sponsor hospital on the date the applicant's paramedic
625 license became void for nonrenewal; or

626 (2) Recertification as an emergency medical technician, provided the
627 application for recertification is accompanied by evidence satisfactory
628 to the commissioner that the applicant completed emergency medical
629 technician refresher training approved by the commissioner not later
630 than one year after issuance of the temporary emergency medical
631 technician certificate. The department shall recertify such person as an
632 emergency medical technician without the examination required for
633 initial certification specified in regulations adopted by the
634 commissioner pursuant to this section.

635 (e) For purposes of subsection (d) of this section, "medical oversight"
636 means the active surveillance by physicians of mobile intensive care
637 sufficient for the assessment of overall practice levels, as defined by
638 state-wide protocols, and "sponsor hospital" means a hospital that has
639 agreed to maintain staff for the provision of medical oversight,
640 supervision and direction to an emergency medical service
641 organization, as defined in section 19a-175, and its personnel and has
642 been approved for such activity by the Office of Emergency Medical
643 Services.

644 (f) The commissioner shall issue an emergency medical technician
645 certification to an applicant who is a member of the armed forces or
646 the National Guard or a veteran and who (1) presents evidence
647 satisfactory to the commissioner that such applicant holds a current
648 certification as a person entitled to perform similar services under a
649 different designation by the National Registry of Emergency Medical
650 Technicians, or (2) satisfies the regulations promulgated pursuant to
651 subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of this section. Such applicant shall be
652 exempt from any written or practical examination requirement for
653 certification.

654 (g) For the purposes of this section, "veteran" means any person
655 who was discharged or released under conditions other than
656 dishonorable from active service in the armed forces and "armed
657 forces" has the same meaning as provided in section 27-103.

658 Sec. 14. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For the purposes of this
659 section, "licensing authority" means the Department of Consumer
660 Protection, the Department of Emergency Services and Public
661 Protection, the Labor Department, the Department of Motor Vehicles,
662 the Department of Public Health, the Board of Regents for Higher
663 Education, the Office of Higher Education, the Board of Trustees of
664 The University of Connecticut or the Police Officer Standards and
665 Training Council, "service member" means a member of the armed
666 forces or the National Guard or a veteran, "armed forces" has the same

667 meaning as set forth in section 27-103 of the general statutes, and
668 "veteran" means any person who was discharged or released under
669 conditions other than dishonorable from active service in the armed
670 forces.

671 (b) Each licensing authority shall ask each applicant for a license, a
672 certificate, a registration or an educational credit whether such
673 applicant is a service member.

674 (c) On or before January 1, 2015, and annually thereafter, each
675 licensing authority shall submit a report to the joint standing
676 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
677 relating to military and veterans' affairs, in accordance with the
678 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, and the Labor
679 Department that shall include the following: (1) The number of service
680 members who applied for a military training evaluation pursuant to
681 section 4 of this act, a license, a certificate, a registration or an
682 educational credit; (2) the number of service members whose
683 application for a license, a certificate, a registration or an educational
684 credit was approved; (3) the number of service members whose
685 application for a license, a certificate, a registration or an educational
686 credit was denied, and data on the reasons for any such denial; (4) the
687 licensing authority's processing time for applications submitted by
688 service members and the average processing time for all applications;
689 (5) information on the licensing authority's efforts to inform and assist
690 service members in accessing programs that provide the education and
691 training necessary for meeting the requirements for licensure,
692 certification, registration or educational credit; (6) information on
693 whether existing law effectively addresses the challenges that service
694 members face when applying for an occupational or professional
695 license, certificate, registration or educational credit upon discharge
696 from military service or relocating to the state; and (7)
697 recommendations on improving the licensing authority's ability to
698 meet the occupational needs of service members, including, but not
699 limited to, the issuance of temporary or provisional licenses,

700 certificates or registrations. The Labor Department shall also include in
701 its report the number of service members who were issued or denied a
702 recommendation for review or a deduction from the hours of
703 apprenticeship training pursuant to section 4 of this act.

704 (d) On or before January 1, 2016, each licensing authority shall,
705 within existing budgetary resources, publish on its Internet web site a
706 link to the Department of Veterans' Affairs informational Internet web
707 site established pursuant to section 27-100f of the general statutes and
708 the Internet web site maintained by the executive branch listing
709 resources and opportunities available to veterans.

710 (e) On or before January 1, 2016, the Labor Department shall post
711 the reports submitted pursuant to subsection (c) of this section on its
712 Internet web site.

713 Sec. 15. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than July 1, 2015, the
714 Labor Commissioner, after consultation with the Commissioner of
715 Veterans' Affairs, the Adjutant General, the Executive Director of the
716 Office of Military Affairs, the Commissioner of Public Health and the
717 Commissioner of Consumer Protection, shall issue a report, in
718 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
719 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
720 cognizance of matters relating to military and veterans' affairs. Such
721 report shall include recommendations for amending statutes and
722 regulations and revising policies and procedures to ensure that
723 relevant military education, skills and training are given appropriate
724 recognition in the occupational certification and licensing process.
725 Each agency listed in this section shall issue formal written
726 recommendations to the Labor Commissioner relevant to the
727 professional or occupational licenses within such agency's purview.
728 Such formal written recommendations shall be in a form and manner
729 prescribed by the Labor Commissioner."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	7-294d(b)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	14-36(e)
Sec. 3	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	14-36(e)
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	20-333
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	20-335
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	31-22m
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	31-22o
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	31-22q
Sec. 10	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	29-161q
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	31-2
Sec. 13	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	19a-179
Sec. 14	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 15	<i>from passage</i>	New section