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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT CONCERNING DEMOLITION LICENSURE AND DEMOLITION PERMITS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 29-402 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) As used in this part, the term "license" includes the whole or part
4 of any permit which the Department of Administrative Services issues
5 under authority of the general statutes, and which (1) requires persons
6 to place their names on a list maintained by the department before
7 they can engage in the business of demolition of buildings, (2) requires
8 a person to demonstrate competence by examination or other means,
9 and (3) may be revoked or suspended by the department for cause.

10 (b) No person shall engage in the business of demolition of
11 buildings without a license obtained from the Department of
12 Administrative Services. An applicant for an initial license shall file an
13 application with the Department of Administrative Services, furnish
14 evidence of expertise and financial responsibility and pay a fee of four

15 hundred forty dollars for a class B license and nine hundred forty
16 dollars for a class A license. Each license shall be valid for twelve
17 months from date of issuance and shall be renewable on application of
18 the licensee upon payment of an annual fee of two hundred fifty
19 dollars for a class B license and seven hundred fifty dollars for a class
20 A license. The department may refuse to issue any such license for
21 cause, and may revoke or refuse to renew any such license for failure
22 to carry out and conform to the provisions of this part or to any
23 regulations adopted hereunder, or for any violation of title 22a. No
24 person shall be refused a license or a renewal thereof, and no license
25 shall be revoked, without an opportunity for a hearing conducted by
26 the Department of Administrative Services in accordance with the
27 provisions of chapter 54.

28 (c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to (1) a person who
29 is engaged in the [~~disassembling~~] disassembly, transportation and
30 reconstruction of historic buildings for historical purposes, [or] in the
31 demolition of farm buildings, [or] in the renovation, alteration or
32 reconstruction of a single-family residence or in the disassembly of
33 nonstructural building materials of a building for the purpose of
34 reusing or recycling such building materials, (2) the removal of
35 underground petroleum storage tanks, (3) the burning of a building or
36 structure as part of an organized fire department training exercise, or
37 (4) the demolition of a single-family residence or outbuilding by an
38 owner of such structure if it does not exceed a height of thirty feet,
39 provided (A) the owner shall be present on site while such demolition
40 work is in progress and shall be held personally liable for any injury to
41 individuals or damage to public or private property caused by such
42 demolition, and (B) such demolition shall be permitted only with
43 respect to buildings which have clearance from other structures, roads
44 or highways equal to or greater than the height of the structure subject
45 to demolition. The local building official may require additional
46 clearance when deemed necessary for safety.

47 Sec. 2. Section 29-406 of the general statutes is repealed and the

48 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

49 (a) No person shall demolish any building, structure or part thereof
 50 without obtaining a permit for the particular demolition undertaking
 51 from the building official of the town, city or borough wherein such
 52 building or part thereof is located. No person shall be eligible to
 53 receive a permit under this section unless such person furnishes
 54 [written notice] to the building official: (1) Written notice of financial
 55 responsibility in the form of a certificate of insurance specifying
 56 demolition purposes and providing liability coverage for bodily injury
 57 of at least one hundred thousand dollars per person with an aggregate
 58 of at least three hundred thousand dollars, and for property damage of
 59 at least fifty thousand dollars per accident with an aggregate of at least
 60 one hundred thousand dollars; [each such certificate shall provide that
 61 the town or city and its agents shall be saved harmless from any claim
 62 or claims arising out of the negligence of the applicant or his agents or
 63 employees in the course of the demolition operations;] (2) written
 64 notice in the form of a certificate of notice executed by all public
 65 utilities having service connections within the premises proposed to be
 66 demolished, stating that such utilities have severed such connections
 67 and service; [and] (3) written notice that [he] such person is the holder
 68 of a current valid license issued under the provisions of section 29-402,
 69 as amended by this act, [except in the case of (A) a person who is
 70 engaged in the disassembling, transportation and reconstruction of
 71 historic buildings for historical purposes or who is engaged in the
 72 demolition of farm buildings or in the renovation, alteration or
 73 reconstruction of a single-family residence, or (B) an owner who is
 74 engaged in the demolition of a single-family residence or outbuilding,]
 75 or is exempted from such license requirement as provided in
 76 subsection (c) of [section 29-402] said section, as amended by this act;
 77 and (4) a written declaration by such person that the town or city and
 78 its agents shall be saved harmless from any claim or claims arising out
 79 of the negligence of the applicant or the applicant's agents or
 80 employees in the course of the demolition operations. No permit shall
 81 be issued under this section unless signed by the owner and the

82 demolition contractor. Each such permit shall contain a printed
83 intention on the part of the signers to comply with the provisions of
84 this part.

85 (b) In addition to the powers granted pursuant to this part, any
86 town, city or borough may impose, by ordinance, a waiting period of
87 not more than one hundred eighty days before granting any permit for
88 the demolition of any building or structure or any part thereof, except
89 when the demolition permit is required for the removal of a structure
90 acquired by the Department of Transportation for a transportation
91 project.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	29-402
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	29-406

PS *Joint Favorable*