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Referred to Committee on FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Introduced by:
(FIN)

AN ACT WAVING CERTAIN INITIAL OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING FEES FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 20-236 of the 2018 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

4 (a) (1) Any person desiring to obtain a license as a barber shall apply
5 in writing on forms furnished by the Department of Public Health and
6 shall pay to the department a fee of one hundred dollars. The
7 department shall not issue a license until the applicant has made
8 written application to the department, setting forth by affidavit that
9 the applicant has (A) (i) successfully completed the eighth grade, (ii)
10 completed a course of not less than one thousand hours of study in a
11 school approved in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, or,
12 if trained outside of Connecticut, in a barber school or college whose
13 requirements are equivalent to those of a Connecticut barber school or
14 college, and (iii) passed a written examination satisfactory to the

15 department, or (B) if the applicant is an apprentice, (i) successfully
16 completed the eighth grade, (ii) completed an apprenticeship
17 approved by the Labor Department and conducted in accordance with
18 sections 31-22m to 31-22u, inclusive, and (iii) passed a written
19 examination satisfactory to the Department of Public Health.
20 Examinations required for licensure under this chapter shall be
21 prescribed by the department with the advice and assistance of the
22 board. The department shall establish a passing score for examinations
23 required under this chapter with the advice and assistance of the
24 board. No license issued in accordance with the provisions of this
25 chapter may be assigned or transferred to another person.

26 (2) Any person who holds a license at the time of application to
27 practice the occupation of barbering in any other state, the District of
28 Columbia or in a commonwealth or territory of the United States, and
29 was issued such license on the basis of successful completion of a
30 program of education and training in barbering and an examination,
31 shall be eligible for licensing in this state and entitled to a license
32 without examination upon payment of a fee of one hundred dollars.

33 (3) The department shall waive the fee under subdivision (1) or (2)
34 of this subsection, as applicable, for an initial license as a barber in this
35 state for any applicant who is a low-income individual, military family
36 member or young worker, provided such applicant provides to the
37 department any documentation or information the department may
38 require for such waiver. As used in this subdivision, (A) "low-income
39 individual" means an individual enrolled in a state or public assistance
40 program or whose household gross income is less than one hundred
41 thirty per cent of federal poverty guidelines, (B) "military family
42 member" means (i) a veteran, as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-
43 103, (ii) a member of the armed forces, as defined in said subsection,
44 (iii) a spouse of such veteran or member, or (iv) the surviving spouse
45 of a deceased veteran or member, who has not remarried, and (C)
46 "young worker" means an individual who is eighteen years of age or
47 older but under twenty-five years of age.

48 [(3)] (4) Any person who holds a license to practice the occupation
49 of barbering in any other state, the District of Columbia, or in a
50 commonwealth or territory of the United States, and has held such
51 license for a period of not less than forty years, shall be eligible for
52 licensure without examination. No license shall be issued under this
53 section to any applicant against whom professional disciplinary action
54 is pending or who is the subject of an unresolved complaint.

55 (b) (1) Barber schools shall obtain approval pursuant to this section
56 prior to commencing operation. In the event that an approved school
57 undergoes a change of ownership or location, such approval shall
58 become void and the school shall apply for a new approval pursuant
59 to this section. Applications for such approval shall be on forms
60 prescribed by the Commissioner of Public Health. In the event that a
61 school fails to comply with the provisions of this subsection, no credit
62 toward the one thousand hours of study required pursuant to
63 subsection (a) of this section shall be granted to any student for
64 instruction received prior to the effective date of school approval.

65 (2) The Commissioner of Public Health, in consultation with the
66 Connecticut Examining Board for Barbers, Hairdressers and
67 Cosmeticians, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the
68 provisions of chapter 54, to prescribe minimum curriculum
69 requirements for barber schools. The commissioner, in consultation
70 with said board, may adopt a curriculum and procedures for the
71 approval of barber schools, provided the commissioner prints notice of
72 intent to adopt regulations concerning the adoption of a curriculum
73 and procedures for the approval of barber schools in the Connecticut
74 Law Journal not later than thirty days after the date of implementation
75 of such curriculum and such procedures. The curriculum and
76 procedures implemented pursuant to this section shall be valid until
77 such time final regulations are adopted.

78 (c) No person applying for licensure as a barber under this chapter
79 shall be required to submit to a state or national criminal history

80 records check as a prerequisite to licensure.

81 Sec. 2. Section 20-253 of the general statutes is repealed and the
82 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

83 (a) License or examination fees shall be paid, except as otherwise
84 provided under subsection (b) of this section, to the department at the
85 time of application as follows: (1) For examination as a registered
86 hairdresser and cosmetician, the sum of one hundred dollars; and (2)
87 for renewal of any hairdresser and cosmetician license, the sum of one
88 hundred dollars. Each person engaged in the occupation of registered
89 hairdresser and cosmetician shall, at all times, conspicuously display
90 such person's license within the place where such occupation is being
91 conducted. All hairdresser and cosmetician licenses, except as
92 otherwise provided in this chapter, shall be renewed once every two
93 years and shall expire in accordance with the provisions of section 19a-
94 88. No person shall carry on the occupation of hairdressing and
95 cosmetology after the expiration of such person's license until such
96 person has made application to the department for the renewal of such
97 license. Such application shall be in writing, addressed to the
98 department and signed by the person applying for such renewal. The
99 department may renew any hairdresser and cosmetician license if
100 application for such renewal is received by the department within
101 ninety days after the expiration of such license.

102 (b) The department shall waive the fee under subdivision (1) of
103 subsection (a) of this section for examination as a registered
104 hairdresser and cosmetician for any individual who is a low-income
105 individual, military family member or young worker, provided such
106 individual provides to the department any documentation or
107 information the department may require for such waiver. As used in
108 this subsection, (1) "low-income individual" means an individual
109 enrolled in a state or public assistance program or whose household
110 gross income is less than one hundred thirty per cent of federal
111 poverty guidelines, (2) "military family member" means (A) a veteran,

112 as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103, (B) a member of the
113 armed forces, as defined in said subsection, (C) a spouse of such
114 veteran or member, or (D) the surviving spouse of a deceased veteran
115 or member, who has not remarried, and (3) "young worker" means an
116 individual who is eighteen years of age or older but under twenty-five
117 years of age.

118 Sec. 3. Section 20-254 of the general statutes is repealed and the
119 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

120 (a) Any person who holds a license at the time of application as a
121 registered hairdresser and cosmetician, or as a person entitled to
122 perform similar services under different designations in any other
123 state, in the District of Columbia, or in a commonwealth or territory of
124 the United States, and who was issued such license on the basis of
125 successful completion of a program of education and training in
126 hairdressing and cosmetology and an examination shall be eligible for
127 licensing in this state and entitled to a license without examination
128 upon payment, except as otherwise provided under subsection (c) of
129 this section, of a fee of one hundred dollars. No license shall be issued
130 under this section to any applicant against whom professional
131 disciplinary action is pending or who is the subject of an unresolved
132 complaint.

133 (b) If the issuance of such license in any other state, in the District of
134 Columbia, or in a commonwealth or territory of the United States did
135 not require an examination, an applicant who has legally practiced
136 cosmetology for at least five years in a state outside of Connecticut
137 shall be eligible for licensure under this section if the applicant submits
138 to the commissioner evidence of education and experience that is
139 satisfactory to the commissioner and upon payment, except as
140 provided under subsection (c) of this section, of a fee of one hundred
141 dollars. Evidence of experience shall include, but not be limited to, (1)
142 an original certification from the out-of-state licensing agency
143 demonstrating at least five years of licensure, (2) correspondence from

144 the applicant's former employers, coworkers or clients that describes
145 the applicant's experience in the state for at least five years, and (3) a
146 copy of tax returns that indicate cosmetology as the applicant's
147 occupation. No license shall be issued under this section to any
148 applicant against whom professional disciplinary action is pending or
149 who is the subject of an unresolved complaint in the context of
150 providing services as a cosmetician.

151 (c) The department shall waive the fee under subsection (a) or (b) of
152 this section, as applicable, for any applicant who is a low-income
153 individual, military family member or young worker, provided such
154 applicant provides to the department any documentation or
155 information the department may require for such waiver. As used in
156 this subsection, (1) "low-income individual" means an individual
157 enrolled in a state or public assistance program or whose household
158 gross income is less than one hundred thirty per cent of federal
159 poverty guidelines, (2) "military family member" means (A) a veteran,
160 as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103, (B) a member of the
161 armed forces, as defined in said subsection, (C) a spouse of such
162 veteran or member, or (D) the surviving spouse of a deceased veteran
163 or member, who has not remarried, and (3) "young worker" means an
164 individual who is eighteen years of age or older but under twenty-five
165 years of age.

166 Sec. 4. Section 20-377m of the general statutes is repealed and the
167 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

168 (a) A person seeking a certificate of registration as an interior
169 designer shall apply to the commissioner in writing, on a form
170 provided by the commissioner. Such application shall include the
171 applicant's name, residence address, business address and such other
172 information as the commissioner may by regulation require.

173 (b) Each application for a certificate of registration shall be
174 accompanied by a fee of one hundred ninety dollars, provided any

175 architect licensed in this state or any individual set forth in subsection
176 (c) of this section shall not be required to pay such fee.

177 (c) The department shall waive the fee under subsection (b) of this
178 section for any applicant who is a low-income individual, military
179 family member or young worker, provided such applicant provides to
180 the department any documentation or information the department
181 may require for such waiver. As used in this subsection, (1) "low-
182 income individual" means an individual enrolled in a state or public
183 assistance program or whose household gross income is less than one
184 hundred thirty per cent of federal poverty guidelines, (2) "military
185 family member" means (A) a veteran, as defined in subsection (a) of
186 section 27-103, (B) a member of the armed forces, as defined in said
187 subsection, (C) a spouse of such veteran or member, or (D) the
188 surviving spouse of a deceased veteran or member, who has not
189 remarried, and (3) "young worker" means an individual who is
190 eighteen years of age or older but under twenty-five years of age.

191 Sec. 5. Section 20-377o of the general statutes is repealed and the
192 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

193 (a) Upon receipt of a completed application and fee, except as
194 otherwise provided under section 20-377m, as amended by this act, the
195 commissioner shall: (1) Issue and deliver to the applicant a certificate
196 of registration as an interior designer; or (2) refuse to issue such
197 certificate. The commissioner may suspend, revoke or refuse to issue
198 or renew any certificate issued under sections 20-377k to 20-377v,
199 inclusive, for any of the reasons stated in section 20-377s.

200 (b) Upon refusal to issue a certificate, the commissioner shall notify
201 the applicant of the denial and of the applicant's right to request a
202 hearing within ten days from the date of receipt of the notice of denial.

203 (c) If the applicant requests a hearing within such ten days, the
204 commissioner shall give notice of the grounds for the commissioner's
205 refusal and shall conduct a hearing concerning such refusal in

206 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 concerning contested
207 cases.

208 Sec. 6. Section 20-598a of the general statutes is repealed and the
209 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

210 (a) No person shall act as a pharmacy technician unless registered
211 with, or certified with, the department.

212 (b) The department shall, upon authorization of the commission,
213 register as a pharmacy technician any person who presents evidence
214 satisfactory to the department that such person is qualified to perform,
215 under the direct supervision of a pharmacist, routine functions in the
216 dispensing of drugs that do not require the use of professional
217 judgment. The qualifications for registration as a pharmacy technician
218 under this section shall be in accordance with (1) the standards of an
219 institutional pharmacy, a care-giving institution or a correctional or
220 juvenile training institution, in the case of employment in any such
221 pharmacy or institution, or (2) the standards established by regulation
222 adopted by the commissioner in accordance with chapter 54, in the
223 case of employment in a pharmacy. As used in this subsection, "direct
224 supervision" means a supervising pharmacist (A) is physically present
225 in the area or location where the pharmacy technician is performing
226 routine drug dispensing functions, and (B) conducts in-process and
227 final checks on the pharmacy technician's performance.

228 (c) The department shall, upon authorization of the commission,
229 certify as a pharmacy technician any person who meets the
230 requirements for registration as a pharmacy technician, pursuant to
231 subsection (b) of this section, and who holds a certification from the
232 Pharmacy Technician Certification Board or any other equivalent
233 pharmacy technician certification program approved by the
234 department.

235 (d) [The] (1) Except as provided under subdivision (2) of this
236 subsection, the fee required by section 20-601 shall accompany an

237 application for registration under this section. A registration as a
 238 pharmacy technician shall be valid for one year and may be renewed
 239 upon application and payment of the fee required by section 20-601.

240 (2) The department shall waive the fee required by section 20-601
 241 for any applicant for initial registration as a pharmacy technician
 242 under this section who is a low-income individual, military family
 243 member or young worker, provided such applicant provides to the
 244 department any documentation or information the department may
 245 require for such waiver. As used in this subdivision, (A) "low-income
 246 individual" means an individual enrolled in a state or public assistance
 247 program or whose household gross income is less than one hundred
 248 thirty per cent of federal poverty guidelines, (B) "military family
 249 member" means (i) a veteran, as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-
 250 103, (ii) a member of the armed forces, as defined in said subsection,
 251 (iii) a spouse of such veteran or member, or (iv) the surviving spouse
 252 of a deceased veteran or member, who has not remarried, and (C)
 253 "young worker" means an individual who is eighteen years of age or
 254 older but under twenty-five years of age.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	20-236
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	20-253
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	20-254
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	20-377m
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	20-377o
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	20-598a

Statement of Purpose:

To waive certain initial occupational licensing fees for certain individuals.

[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.]