AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR AND TECHNICAL CHANGES TO
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION STATUTES.

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

Section 1. Subdivision (4) of section 20-500 of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from
passage):

(4) "Appraisal management services" means any of the following:

(A) The administration of an appraiser panel;

(B) The recruitment of certified appraisers to be part of an appraiser
panel, including, but not limited to, the negotiation of fees to be paid
to, and services to be provided by, such appraisers for their
participation on such panel; or

(C) The receipt of an appraisal request or order or an appraisal
review request or order and the delivery of such request or order to an
appraiser panel.

Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 20-529b of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from
passage):

(a) No appraisal management company applying for a certificate of
registration shall:

(1) Be [more than ten per cent] owned by any person who has had
an appraiser license or certificate denied, refused to be renewed,
suspended or revoked in any state;

(2) Be owned by any partnership, association, limited liability company or corporation that is more than ten per cent owned by any person who has had an appraiser license or certificate denied, refused to be renewed, suspended or revoked in any state;

(3) Employ any person to perform job functions related to the ordering, preparation, performance or review of appraisals who has had an appraiser license or certificate denied, refused to be renewed, suspended or revoked; or

(4) Enter into any contract, agreement or other business arrangement, written or oral, for the procurement of appraisal services in this state, with (A) any person who has had an appraiser license or certificate denied, refused to be renewed, suspended or revoked, or (B) any partnership, association, limited liability company or corporation that employs or has entered into any contract, agreement or other business arrangement, whether oral, written or any other form, with any person who has had an appraiser license or certificate denied, refused to be renewed, suspended or revoked.

Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 20-529c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from passage):

(a) [Except within the first thirty days after] After an appraiser is initially added to an appraiser panel of an appraisal management company, such company shall not remove an appraiser from its appraiser panel or otherwise refuse to assign requests or orders for appraisals without:

(1) Notifying the appraiser in writing of the reasons why the appraiser is being removed;

(2) If the appraiser is being removed for alleged illegal conduct, violation of the USPAP or violation of state licensing standards, notifying the appraiser in writing of the nature of the alleged conduct
or violation; and

(3) Providing the appraiser with an opportunity to respond to such notice.

Sec. 4. Section 20-323 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from passage):

Any licensee under this chapter who is convicted of a violation of any of the offenses enumerated in subdivision (8) of section 20-320 [shall] may incur a forfeiture of his license and all moneys that may have been paid for such license. The clerk of any court in which such conviction has been rendered shall forward to the commission without charge a certified copy of such conviction. The [commission, upon the receipt of a copy of the judgment of conviction, shall, not later than ten days after such receipt, notify the licensee, in writing, of the revocation of his license] commissioner may revoke such licensee's license after proceedings as provided in section 20-321. Such notice shall be conclusive of the revocation of such license. Application for reinstatement of such license shall be subject to the provisions of section 46a-80.

Sec. 5. Section 21a-190d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from passage):

The following charitable organizations that engage in solicitation shall not be subject to the provisions of sections 21a-190b and 21a-190c, provided each such organization, prior to conducting any solicitation or prior to having any solicitation conducted on behalf of others, shall submit such information as the department may require to substantiate an exemption under this section in a form prescribed by the commissioner:

(1) Any duly organized religious corporation, institution or society;

(2) Any parent-teacher association or educational institution, the curricula of which in whole or in part are registered or approved by any state or the United States either directly or by acceptance of
accreditation by an accrediting body;

(3) Any nonprofit hospital licensed in accordance with the provisions of section 19a-630 or any similar provision of the laws of any other state;

(4) Any governmental unit or instrumentality of any state or the United States;

(5) Any person who solicits solely for the benefit of organizations described in subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive, of this section; and

(6) Any charitable organization which normally receives less than fifty thousand dollars in contributions annually, provided such organization does not compensate any person primarily to conduct solicitations.

Sec. 6. Subsection (b) of section 21a-4 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from passage):

(b) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may impose a fine of twenty dollars on any applicant for a permit or license issued by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection who issues to the commissioner a check or electronic funds transfer drawn on the account of such applicant in payment of a permit or license fee and whose check or electronic funds transfer is returned to the Department of Consumer Protection as uncollectible. In addition, the commissioner may require the applicant to pay to the department any fees charged by a financial institution to the department as a result of such returned check or electronic funds transfer.

Sec. 7. Subdivision (8) of section 21a-62b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from passage):

(8) "Potentially hazardous food" means a food that requires time and temperature control for safety to limit pathogenic microorganism
growth or toxin formation and shall be consistent with the United
States Food and Drug Administration's Food Code definition for time
and temperature control for food safety, as amended from time to
time, and adopted by reference by the commissioner pursuant to
section 19a-36h.

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