



General Assembly

January Session, 2021

Substitute Bill No. 6449



**AN ACT EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY IN OCCUPATIONS
LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) (a) The Department of
2 Public Health shall issue an occupational or professional license, permit,
3 certification or registration issued by the Department of Public Health
4 shall be issued, in the occupation or profession applied for and at a
5 practice level determined by the department, to a person who is (1) a
6 resident of this state as defined in section 12-701 of the general statutes,
7 or (2) married to an active duty member of the armed forces of the
8 United States and accompanies said member, pursuant to an official
9 permanent change of station, to a military installation located in this
10 state if:

11 (A) The person holds a valid license, permit, certification or
12 registration in at least one other jurisdiction in the occupation or
13 profession applied for;

14 (B) The person has practiced under such license, permit, certification
15 or registration for not less than one year;

16 (C) The person is in good standing in all jurisdictions in which he or
17 she holds a license, permit, certification or registration and has not had
18 a license, permit, certification or registration revoked or discipline

19 imposed by any jurisdiction, does not have a complaint, allegation or
20 investigation related to unprofessional conduct pending in any
21 jurisdiction, and has not voluntarily surrendered a license, permit,
22 certification or registration while under investigation for unprofessional
23 conduct in any jurisdiction;

24 (D) The person satisfies any background check or character and
25 fitness check required of other applicants for the license, permit,
26 certification or registration; and

27 (E) The person pays all fees required of other applicants for the
28 license, permit, certification or registration.

29 (b) In addition to the requirements set forth in subsection (a) of this
30 section, the Department of Public Health may require a person to take
31 and pass all or a portion of any examination required of other persons
32 applying for the license, permit, certification or registration.

33 (c) Any person issued a license, permit, certification or registration
34 pursuant to this section shall be subject to the laws of this state and the
35 jurisdiction of the Department of Public Health.

36 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, and pursuant to
37 section 19a-14 of the general statutes, the Commissioner of Public
38 Health may deny an occupational or professional license, permit,
39 certification or registration if he or she finds such denial is in the best
40 interest of the state.

41 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) The Commissioner of Public Health
42 shall convene working groups to determine whether Connecticut
43 should join any interstate licensure compacts.

44 (b) Such working groups shall consist of (1) the Commissioner of
45 Public Health, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,
46 and the executive director of the Office of Health Strategy, or their
47 designees, (2) the chair of the appropriate board of examiners or
48 advisory board, or his or her designee, (3) a representative of the

49 appropriate state professional association, (4) a representative of the
50 professional assistance program for regulated professions established
51 pursuant to section 19a-12a of the general statutes, and (5) any other
52 members the Commissioner of Public Health deems appropriate. Each
53 working group shall convene not later than sixty days after the effective
54 date of this section.

55 (c) Not later than January 15, 2022, the Commissioner of Public
56 Health shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of
57 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of
58 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
59 health. Such report shall include recommendations that reflect the
60 determinations pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. The working
61 groups shall terminate upon the submission of the report.

62 Sec. 3. (Effective July 1, 2021) Not later than January 15, 2022, the
63 Commissioner of Public Health shall submit a report, in accordance
64 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint
65 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
66 matters relating to public health. Such report shall be developed in
67 consultation with such boards or commissions as the commissioner
68 deems appropriate and shall recommend whether it would be in the
69 best interest of the state (1) for any examination administered by the
70 state pursuant to chapters 369 to 388, inclusive, chapter 393a, chapters
71 395 to 417, inclusive, chapters 435 to 449, inclusive, or chapters 474 to
72 483, inclusive, of the general statutes to be administered by a national
73 organization acceptable to the Department of Public Health, and (2) to
74 reduce any experience and training requirements while increasing any
75 such examination's ability to test applicants' knowledge or skills.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2021	New section
Sec. 2	July 1, 2021	New section
Sec. 3	July 1, 202	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1(a), provisions were rewritten for clarity. In Sections 2 and 3, "(NEW)" was deleted for accuracy.

PH *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*