

**Proposed Substitute  
Bill No. 6445**

LCO No. 5732

**AN ACT EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY IN OCCUPATIONS  
LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION.**

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

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

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

13 (2) The person has practiced under such license, permit, certification  
14 or registration for not less than four years;

15 (3) The person is in good standing in all jurisdictions in which he or  
16 she holds a license, permit, certification or registration and has not had  
17 a license, permit, certification or registration revoked or discipline  
18 imposed by any jurisdiction, does not have a complaint, allegation or

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

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

26 (5) The person pays all fees required of other applicants for the  
27 license, permit, certification or registration; and

28 (6) The person takes and passes all or a portion of any examination  
29 required of other persons applying for the license, permit, certification  
30 or registration.

31 (b) Any person issued a license, permit, certification or registration  
32 pursuant to this section shall be subject to the laws of this state and the  
33 jurisdiction of the Department of Consumer Protection.

34 (c) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, the  
35 Commissioner of Consumer Protection may deny an occupational or  
36 professional license, permit, certification or registration if the  
37 commissioner finds such denial is in the best interest of the state.

38 (d) A person applying for a license, permit, certification or  
39 registration that is not required to practice an occupation or profession  
40 in at least twenty-five states who relocates to this state from another  
41 state that did not require a license, permit, certification or registration to  
42 practice the person's occupation or profession may be considered to  
43 have satisfied the conditions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection (a)  
44 of this section if he or she establishes to the satisfaction of the  
45 Department of Consumer Protection that he or she has three or more  
46 years of related work experience with a substantially similar scope of  
47 practice within the four years preceding the date of application to said  
48 department.

49 Sec. 2. Section 20-333 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
50 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

51 (a) To obtain a license under this chapter, an applicant shall have  
52 attained such applicant's eighteenth birthday and shall furnish such  
53 evidence of competency as the appropriate board or the Commissioner  
54 of Consumer Protection shall require. A recommendation for review  
55 issued pursuant to section 31-22u shall be sufficient to demonstrate such  
56 competency. The applicant shall satisfy such board or the commissioner  
57 that such applicant [is of good moral character,] possesses a diploma or  
58 other evidence of graduation from the eighth grade of grammar school,  
59 or possesses an equivalent education to be determined on examination  
60 and has the requisite skill to perform the work in the trade for which  
61 such applicant is applying for a license and can comply with all other  
62 requirements of this chapter and the regulations adopted under this  
63 chapter. A recommendation for review issued pursuant to section 31-  
64 22u shall be sufficient to demonstrate that an applicant possesses such  
65 requisite skill and can comply with all other requirements of this chapter  
66 and the regulations adopted under this chapter. For any application  
67 submitted pursuant to this section that requires a hearing or other action  
68 by the applicable examining board or the commissioner, such hearing  
69 or other action by the applicable examining board or the commissioner  
70 shall occur not later than thirty days after the date of submission for  
71 such application. Upon application for any such license, the applicant  
72 shall pay to the department a nonrefundable application fee of ninety  
73 dollars for a license under subdivisions (2) and (3) of subsection (a) and  
74 subdivision (4) of subsection (e) of section 20-334a, or a nonrefundable  
75 application fee of one hundred fifty dollars for a license under  
76 subdivision (1) of subsection (a), subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection  
77 (b), subdivision (1) of subsection (c) and subdivisions (1), (2) and (3) of  
78 subsection (e) of section 20-334a. Any such application fee shall be  
79 waived for persons who present a recommendation for review issued  
80 pursuant to section 31-22u.

81 (b) The department shall conduct such written, oral and practical

82 examinations as the appropriate board, with the consent of the  
83 commissioner, deems necessary to test the knowledge of the applicant  
84 in the work for which a license is being sought. The department shall  
85 allow any applicant, who has not participated in an apprenticeship  
86 program but presents a recommendation for review issued pursuant to  
87 section 31-22u, to sit for any such examination. Any person completing  
88 the required apprentice training program for a journeyman's license  
89 under section 20-334a shall, within thirty days following such  
90 completion, apply for a licensure examination given by the department.  
91 If an applicant does not pass such licensure examination, the  
92 commissioner shall provide each failed applicant with information on  
93 how to retake the examination and a report describing the applicant's  
94 strengths and weaknesses in such examination. Any apprentice permit  
95 issued under section 20-334a to an applicant who fails three licensure  
96 examinations in any one-year period shall remain in effect if such  
97 applicant applies for and takes the first licensure examination given by  
98 the department following the one-year period from the date of such  
99 applicant's third and last unsuccessful licensure examination.  
100 Otherwise, such permit shall be revoked as of the date of the first  
101 examination given by the department following expiration of such  
102 one-year period.

103 (c) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, subject to section 46a-  
104 80, may deny a license or may issue a license pursuant to a consent order  
105 containing conditions that shall be met by the applicant if the applicant  
106 reports that he or she has been found guilty or convicted as a result of  
107 an act which constitutes a felony under (1) the laws of this state at the  
108 time of application for such license, (2) federal law at the time of  
109 application for such license, or (3) the laws of another jurisdiction, and  
110 which, if committed within this state, would constitute a felony under  
111 the laws of this state.

112 ~~[(c)]~~ (d) When an applicant has qualified for a license, the department  
113 shall, upon receipt of the license fee or upon waiver of such fee pursuant  
114 to section 20-335, issue to such applicant a license entitling such

115 applicant to engage in the work or occupation for which a license was  
116 sought and shall register each successful applicant's name and address  
117 in the roster of licensed persons authorized to engage in the work or  
118 occupation within the appropriate board's authority. All fees and other  
119 moneys collected by the department shall be promptly transmitted to  
120 the State Treasurer as provided in section 4-32.

121       Sec. 3. (*Effective October 1, 2021*) The Departments of Administrative  
122 Services, Agriculture, Consumer Protection, Correction, Emergency  
123 Services and Public Protection and Public Health, the Labor  
124 Department, and the Office of Early Childhood shall, not later than  
125 January 1, 2022, report to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
126 Management on (1) the number of employees that perform background  
127 checks related to the department's or office's licensing functions, the job  
128 classifications of such employees, and the type or level of clearance of  
129 the background checks that are being performed, (2) the number of  
130 hours each such employee spends on average per week performing  
131 background checks, and (3) for any licenses in which some education or  
132 training is required of the applicant prior to obtaining a license, the  
133 feasibility of establishing a preclearance assessment of criminal history  
134 prior to potential applicants beginning such education or training. Such  
135 recommendations shall additionally assess the feasibility of centralizing  
136 and standardizing background checks performed by state government  
137 agencies and shall address any related issues of delegation of authority  
138 by such agencies.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	20-333
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	New section