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***AN ACT CONCERNING COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES OF
CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS ON OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 19a-14 of the 2022 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

4 (a) The Department of Public Health shall have the following powers
5 and duties with regard to the boards and commissions listed in
6 subsection (b) of this section which are within the Department of Public
7 Health. The department shall:

8 (1) Control the allocation, disbursement and budgeting of funds
9 appropriated to the department for the operation of the boards and
10 commissions;

11 (2) Employ and assign such personnel as the commissioner deems
12 necessary for the performance of the functions of the boards and

13 commissions;

14 (3) Perform all management functions including purchasing,
15 bookkeeping, accounting, payroll, secretarial, clerical and routine
16 housekeeping functions;

17 (4) Adopt, with the advice and assistance of the appropriate board or
18 commission, and in accordance with chapter 54, any regulations which
19 are consistent with protecting the public health and safety and which
20 are necessary to implement the purposes of this chapter and chapters
21 368v, 369 to 375, inclusive, 378 to 381, inclusive, 383 to 388, inclusive, 398
22 and 399;

23 (5) Develop and perform all administrative functions necessary to
24 process applications for licenses and certificates;

25 (6) Determine the eligibility of all applicants for permits, licensure,
26 certification or registration, based upon compliance with the general
27 statutes and administrative regulations. The department may deny the
28 eligibility of an applicant for a permit or for licensure by examination,
29 endorsement, reciprocity or for reinstatement of a license voided
30 pursuant to subsection (f) of section 19a-88, voluntarily surrendered or,
31 by agreement, not renewed or reinstated pursuant to subsection (d) of
32 section 19a-17, or may issue a license pursuant to a consent order
33 containing conditions that must be met by the applicant if the
34 department determines that the applicant:

35 (A) Has failed to comply with the general statutes and administrative
36 regulations governing the applicant's profession;

37 (B) [Except] Has been found guilty or convicted as a result of an act
38 which constitutes a felony under (i) the laws of this state, (ii) federal law,
39 or (iii) the laws of another jurisdiction and which, if committed within
40 this state, would have constituted a felony under the laws of this state,
41 except any applicant for licensure as a barber under chapter 386, [or] a
42 hairdresser and cosmetician under chapter 387 [, has been found guilty
43 or convicted as a result of an act which constitutes a felony under (i) the

44 laws of this state, (ii) federal law or (iii) the laws of another jurisdiction
45 and which, if committed within this state, would have constituted a
46 felony under the laws of this state] or an embalmer and funeral director
47 under chapter 385;

48 (C) Is subject to a pending disciplinary action or unresolved
49 complaint before the duly authorized professional disciplinary agency
50 of any state, the District of Columbia, a United States possession or
51 territory, or a foreign jurisdiction;

52 (D) Has been subject to disciplinary action similar to an action
53 specified in subsection (a) of section 19a-17, as amended by this act, by
54 a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of any state, the
55 District of Columbia, a United States possession or territory, or a foreign
56 jurisdiction;

57 (E) Has committed an act which, if the applicant were licensed, would
58 not conform to the accepted standards of practice of the profession,
59 including, but not limited to, incompetence, negligence, fraud or deceit;
60 illegal conduct; procuring or attempting to procure a license, certificate
61 or registration by fraud or deceit; or engaging in, aiding or abetting
62 unlicensed practice of a regulated profession, provided the
63 commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, gives notice and holds a
64 hearing, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, prior to
65 denying an application for a permit or a license based on this
66 subparagraph; or

67 (F) Has a condition which would interfere with the practice of the
68 applicant's profession, including, but not limited to, physical illness or
69 loss of skill or deterioration due to the aging process, emotional disorder
70 or mental illness, abuse or excessive use of drugs or alcohol, provided
71 the commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, gives notice and
72 holds a hearing in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, prior to
73 denying an application for a permit or a license based on this
74 subparagraph;

75 (7) Administer licensing examinations under the supervision of the

76 appropriate board or commission;

77 (8) Develop and perform all administrative functions necessary to
78 process complaints against persons licensed by the department;

79 (9) Consent to the approval or disapproval by the appropriate boards
80 or commissions of schools at which educational requirements shall be
81 met;

82 (10) Conduct any necessary review, inspection or investigation
83 regarding qualifications of applicants for licenses or certificates,
84 possible violations of statutes or regulations, and disciplinary matters.
85 In connection with any investigation, the Commissioner of Public
86 Health or the commissioner's authorized agent may administer oaths,
87 issue subpoenas, compel testimony and order the production of books,
88 records and documents. If any person refuses to appear, to testify or to
89 produce any book, record or document when so ordered, a judge of the
90 Superior Court may make such order as may be appropriate to aid in
91 the enforcement of this section;

92 (11) Conduct any necessary investigation and follow-up in
93 connection with complaints regarding persons subject to regulation or
94 licensing by the department. In connection with any such investigation,
95 the department may restrict, suspend or otherwise limit the license or
96 permit of any person subject to regulation or licensing by the
97 department pursuant to an interim consent order entered during the
98 pendency of such investigation;

99 (12) With respect to any complaint filed with the department on or
100 after October 1, 2010, alleging incompetence, negligence, fraud or deceit
101 by a person subject to regulation or licensing by any board or
102 commission described in subdivision (1) to (8), inclusive, (12) to (14),
103 inclusive, or subdivision (16) of subsection (b) of this section:

104 (A) Upon request of the person who filed the complaint, provide such
105 person with information on the status of the complaint;

106 (B) Upon request of the person who filed the complaint, provide such
107 person with an opportunity to review, at the department, records
108 compiled as of the date of the request pursuant to any investigation of
109 the complaint, including, but not limited to, the respondent's written
110 response to the complaint, except that such person shall not be entitled
111 to copy such records and the department (i) shall not disclose (I)
112 information concerning a health care professional's referral to,
113 participation in or completion of an assistance program in accordance
114 with sections 19a-12a and 19a-12b, that is confidential pursuant to
115 section 19a-12a, (II) information not related to such person's specific
116 complaint, including, but not limited to, information concerning
117 patients other than such person, or (III) personnel or medical records
118 and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute an invasion of
119 personal privacy pursuant to section 1-210, except for such records or
120 similar files solely related to such person; (ii) shall not be required to
121 disclose any other information that is otherwise confidential pursuant
122 to federal law or state statute, except for information solely related to
123 such person; and (iii) may require up to ten business days written notice
124 prior to providing such opportunity for review;

125 (C) Prior to resolving the complaint with a consent order, provide the
126 person who filed the complaint with not less than ten business days to
127 submit a written statement as to whether such person objects to
128 resolving the complaint with a consent order;

129 (D) If a hearing is held with respect to such complaint after a finding
130 of probable cause, provide the person who filed the complaint with a
131 copy of the notice of hearing issued pursuant to section 4-177, which
132 shall include information concerning the opportunity to present oral or
133 written statements pursuant to subsection (b) of section 4-177c; and

134 (E) Notify the person who filed the complaint of the final disposition
135 of such complaint not later than seven business days after such final
136 disposition;

137 (13) Perform any other function necessary to the effective operation

138 of a board or commission and not specifically vested by statute in the
139 board or commission;

140 (14) Contract with a third party, if the commissioner deems
141 necessary, to administer licensing examinations and perform all
142 attendant administrative functions in connection with such
143 examination; and

144 (15) With respect to any investigation of a person subject to
145 regulation, licensing or certification by the department and in any
146 disciplinary proceeding regarding such person, except as required by
147 federal law:

148 (A) Not be denied access to or use of copies of patient medical records
149 on the grounds that privilege or confidentiality applies to such records;
150 and

151 (B) Not further disclose patient medical records received pursuant to
152 the provisions of this subdivision or personnel records received during
153 the course of the investigation. Patient records received pursuant to this
154 subdivision or personnel records received during the course of the
155 investigation shall not be subject to disclosure under section 1-210.

156 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 19a-17 of the general statutes is
157 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
158 *1, 2022*):

159 (a) Each board or commission established under chapters 369 to 376,
160 inclusive, 378 to 381, inclusive, and 383 to 388, inclusive, and the
161 Department of Public Health with respect to professions under its
162 jurisdiction that have no board or commission may take any of the
163 following actions, singly or in combination, based on conduct that
164 occurred prior or subsequent to the issuance of a permit or a license
165 upon finding the existence of good cause:

166 (1) Revoke a practitioner's license or permit;

167 (2) Suspend a practitioner's license or permit;

- 168 (3) Censure a practitioner or permittee;
- 169 (4) Issue a letter of reprimand to a practitioner or permittee;
- 170 (5) Restrict or otherwise limit practice to those areas prescribed by the
171 board, commission or department;
- 172 (6) Place a practitioner or permittee on probationary status and
173 require the practitioner or permittee to:
- 174 (A) Report regularly to such board, commission or department upon
175 the matters which are the basis of probation;
- 176 (B) Limit practice to those areas prescribed by such board,
177 commission or department; and
- 178 (C) Continue or renew professional education until a satisfactory
179 degree of skill has been attained in those areas which are the basis for
180 the probation;
- 181 (7) Assess a civil penalty of up to twenty-five thousand dollars;
- 182 (8) In those cases involving persons or entities licensed or certified
183 pursuant to sections 20-341d, 20-435, 20-436, 20-437, 20-438, 20-475, as
184 amended by this act, and 20-476, require that restitution be made to an
185 injured property owner; or
- 186 (9) Summarily take any action specified in this subsection against a
187 practitioner's license or permit upon receipt of proof that such
188 practitioner has been:
- 189 (A) Found guilty or convicted as a result of an act which constitutes
190 a felony under (i) the laws of this state, (ii) federal law, or (iii) the laws
191 of another jurisdiction and which, if committed within this state, would
192 have constituted a felony under the laws of this state, except for a
193 practitioner who is a social worker under chapter 383b, an art therapist
194 under chapter 383g, a dietitian-nutritionist under chapter 384b, an
195 embalmer or funeral director under chapter 385, a barber under chapter

196 386, a hairdresser, cosmetician, esthetician, eyelash technician or nail
197 technician under chapter 387; or

198 (B) Subject to disciplinary action similar to that specified in this
199 subsection by a duly authorized professional agency of any state, the
200 federal government, the District of Columbia, a United States possession
201 or territory or a foreign jurisdiction. The applicable board or
202 commission, or the department shall promptly notify the practitioner or
203 permittee that his license or permit has been summarily acted upon
204 pursuant to this subsection and shall institute formal proceedings for
205 revocation within ninety days after such notification.

206 Sec. 3. Section 20-195o of the general statutes is repealed and the
207 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

208 (a) Application for licensure shall be on forms prescribed and
209 furnished by the commissioner. Each applicant shall furnish evidence
210 satisfactory to the commissioner that he or she has met the requirements
211 of section 20-195n. The application fee for a clinical social worker license
212 shall be three hundred fifteen dollars. The application fee for a master
213 social worker license shall be two hundred twenty dollars.

214 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 20-195n concerning
215 examinations, on or before October 1, 2015, the commissioner may issue
216 a license without examination, to any master social worker applicant
217 who demonstrates to the satisfaction of the commissioner that, on or
218 before October 1, 2013, he or she held a master's degree from a social
219 work program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education or,
220 if educated outside the United States or its territories, completed an
221 educational program deemed equivalent by the council.

222 (c) Each person licensed pursuant to this chapter may apply for
223 renewal of such licensure in accordance with the provisions of
224 subsection (e) of section 19a-88. A fee of one hundred ninety-five dollars
225 shall accompany each renewal application for a licensed master social
226 worker or a licensed clinical social worker. Each such applicant shall
227 furnish evidence satisfactory to the commissioner of having satisfied the

228 continuing education requirements prescribed in section 20-195u.

229 (d) (1) An individual who has been convicted of any criminal offense
230 may request, in writing, at any time, that the commissioner determine
231 whether such individual's criminal conviction disqualifies the
232 individual from obtaining a license issued or conferred by the
233 commissioner pursuant to this chapter based on (A) the nature of the
234 conviction and its relationship to the individual's ability to safely or
235 competently perform the duties or responsibilities associated with such
236 license, (B) information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the
237 individual, and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or release of
238 the individual.

239 (2) An individual making such request shall include (A) details of the
240 individual's criminal conviction, and (B) any payment required by the
241 commissioner. The commissioner may charge a fee of not more than
242 fifteen dollars for each request made under this subsection. The
243 commissioner may waive such fee.

244 (3) Not later than thirty days after receiving a request under this
245 subsection, the commissioner shall inform the individual making such
246 request whether, based on the criminal record information provided,
247 such individual is disqualified from receiving or holding a license
248 issued or conferred pursuant to this chapter.

249 (4) The commissioner is not bound by a determination made under
250 this subsection, if, upon further investigation, the commissioner
251 determines that an individual's criminal conviction differs from the
252 information presented in the determination request.

253 Sec. 4. Section 20-195p of the general statutes is repealed and the
254 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

255 The commissioner may deny an application of an individual or take
256 any action set forth in section 19a-17, as amended by this act, if the
257 license holder fails to conform to the accepted standards of the social
258 work profession, including, but not limited to, the following: Conviction

259 of a felony, provided any action taken is based upon (1) the nature of
260 the conviction and its relationship to the license holder's ability to safely
261 or competently perform the duties or responsibilities associated with
262 such license, (2) information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of
263 the license holder, and (3) the time elapsed since the conviction or
264 release; fraud or deceit in obtaining or seeking reinstatement of a license
265 to practice clinical social work; fraud or deceit in the practice of social
266 work; negligent, incompetent or wrongful conduct in professional
267 activities; emotional disorder or mental illness; physical illness,
268 including, but not limited to, deterioration through the aging process;
269 abuse or excessive use of drugs, including alcohol, narcotics or
270 chemicals; wilful falsification of entries in any hospital, patient or other
271 record pertaining to social work; violation of any provision of this
272 chapter or any regulation adopted hereunder. The Commissioner of
273 Public Health may order a license holder to submit to a reasonable
274 physical or mental examination if his physical or mental capacity to
275 practice safely is the subject of an investigation. Said commissioner may
276 petition the superior court for the judicial district of Hartford to enforce
277 such order or any action taken pursuant to said section 19a-17, as
278 amended by this act. Notice of any contemplated action under said
279 section 19a-17, as amended by this act, of the cause therefor and the date
280 of hearing thereon, shall be given and an opportunity for hearing
281 afforded as provided in the regulations adopted by the commissioner.

282 Sec. 5. Section 20-195cc of the general statutes is repealed and the
283 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

284 (a) The Commissioner of Public Health shall grant a license (1) as a
285 professional counselor to any applicant who furnishes evidence
286 satisfactory to the commissioner that such applicant has met the
287 requirements of section 20-195dd, and (2) as a professional counselor
288 associate to any applicant who furnishes evidence satisfactory to the
289 commissioner that such applicant has met the requirements of section
290 20-195dd. The commissioner shall develop and provide application
291 forms. The application fee for a professional counselor shall be three
292 hundred fifteen dollars. The application fee for a professional counselor

293 associate shall be two hundred twenty dollars.

294 (b) Licenses issued to professional counselors and professional
295 counselor associates under this section may be renewed annually
296 pursuant to section 19a-88. The fee for such renewal shall be one
297 hundred ninety-five dollars. Each licensed professional counselor and
298 professional counselor associate applying for license renewal shall
299 furnish evidence satisfactory to the commissioner of having participated
300 in continuing education programs. The commissioner shall adopt
301 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to (1) define basic
302 requirements for continuing education programs that shall include (A)
303 not less than one contact hour of training or education each registration
304 period on the topic of cultural competency, (B) on and after January 1,
305 2016, not less than two contact hours of training or education during the
306 first renewal period in which continuing education is required and not
307 less than once every six years thereafter on the topic of mental health
308 conditions common to veterans and family members of veterans,
309 including (i) determining whether a patient is a veteran or family
310 member of a veteran, (ii) screening for conditions such as post-traumatic
311 stress disorder, risk of suicide, depression and grief, and (iii) suicide
312 prevention training, and (C) on and after January 1, 2018, not less than
313 three contact hours of training or education each registration period on
314 the topic of professional ethics, (2) delineate qualifying programs, (3)
315 establish a system of control and reporting, and (4) provide for a waiver
316 of the continuing education requirement for good cause.

317 (c) (1) Any individual who has been convicted of any criminal offense
318 may request, at any time, that the commissioner determine whether
319 such individual's criminal conviction disqualifies the individual from
320 obtaining a license issued or conferred by the commissioner pursuant to
321 this chapter based on (A) the nature of the conviction and its
322 relationship to the individual's ability to safely or competently perform
323 the duties or responsibilities associated with such license, (B)
324 information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the individual,
325 and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or release of the individual.

326 (2) An individual making such request shall include (A) details of the
327 individual's criminal conviction, and (B) any payment required by the
328 commissioner. The commissioner may charge a fee of not more than
329 fifteen dollars for each request made under this subsection. The
330 commissioner may waive such fee.

331 (3) Not later than thirty days after receiving a request under this
332 subsection, the commissioner shall inform the individual making such
333 request whether, based on the criminal record information submitted,
334 such individual is disqualified from receiving or holding a license
335 issued or conferred pursuant to this chapter.

336 (4) The commissioner is not bound by a determination made under
337 this section, if, upon further investigation, the commissioner determines
338 that the individual's criminal conviction differs from the information
339 presented in the determination request.

340 Sec. 6. Section 20-195ee of the general statutes is repealed and the
341 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

342 The Commissioner of Public Health may deny an application of an
343 individual or take any disciplinary action set forth in section 19a-17, as
344 amended by this act, against a professional counselor or professional
345 counselor associate for any of the following reasons: (1) Failure to
346 conform to the accepted standards of the profession; (2) conviction of a
347 felony, provided any action taken is based upon (A) the nature of the
348 conviction and its relationship to the license holder's ability to safely or
349 competently practice professional counseling, (B) information
350 pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the license holder, and (C)
351 the time elapsed since the conviction or release; (3) fraud or deceit in
352 obtaining or seeking reinstatement of a license to practice professional
353 counseling; (4) fraud or deceit in the practice of professional counseling;
354 (5) negligent, incompetent or wrongful conduct in professional
355 activities; (6) physical, mental or emotional illness or disorder resulting
356 in an inability to conform to the accepted standards of the profession;
357 (7) alcohol or substance abuse; (8) wilful falsification of entries in any

358 hospital, patient or other record pertaining to professional counseling;
359 or (9) violation of any provision of sections 20-195aa to 20-195dd,
360 inclusive, or any regulation adopted pursuant to section 20-195ff. The
361 commissioner may order a license holder to submit to a reasonable
362 physical or mental examination if his physical or mental capacity to
363 practice safely is the subject of an investigation. The commissioner may
364 petition the superior court for the judicial district of Hartford to enforce
365 such order or any action taken pursuant to said section 19a-17, as
366 amended by this act. The commissioner shall give notice and an
367 opportunity to be heard on any contemplated action under said section
368 19a-17, as amended by this act.

369 Sec. 7. Section 20-195ooo of the general statutes is repealed and the
370 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

371 (a) On and after October 1, 2019, the Commissioner of Public Health
372 shall grant a license as an art therapist to any applicant who, except as
373 provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, furnishes evidence
374 satisfactory to the commissioner that such applicant (1) has earned a
375 graduate degree in art therapy or a related field from an accredited
376 institution of higher education, and (2) holds a current credential or
377 certification as an art therapist from the Art Therapy Credentials Board,
378 or any successor of said board. The commissioner shall develop and
379 provide application forms. The application fee shall be three hundred
380 fifteen dollars.

381 (b) An applicant for licensure by endorsement shall present evidence
382 satisfactory to the commissioner that the applicant is licensed or
383 certified as an art therapist, or as a person entitled to perform similar
384 services under a different designation, in another state or jurisdiction
385 that has requirements for practicing in such capacity that are
386 substantially similar to, or higher than, those of this state and that there
387 are no disciplinary actions or unresolved complaints pending in this
388 state or any other state.

389 (c) Licenses issued under this section shall be renewed annually

390 pursuant to section 19a-88. The fee for such renewal shall be one
391 hundred ninety dollars. Each licensed art therapist applying for license
392 renewal shall furnish evidence satisfactory to the commissioner of
393 having a current credential or certification with the Art Therapy
394 Credentials Board, or any successor of said board, and having obtained
395 continuing education units for such credential or certification as
396 required by said board.

397 (d) (1) Any individual who has been convicted of any criminal offense
398 may request, at any time, that the commissioner determine whether
399 such individual's criminal conviction disqualifies the individual from
400 obtaining a license issued or conferred by the commissioner pursuant to
401 this chapter based on (A) the nature of the conviction and its
402 relationship to the individual's ability to safely or competently perform
403 the duties or responsibilities associated with such license, (B)
404 information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the individual,
405 and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or release of the individual.
406 An individual making such request shall include (i) details of the
407 individual's criminal conviction, and (ii) any payment required by the
408 commissioner. The commissioner may charge a fee of not more than
409 fifteen dollars for each request made under this subsection. The
410 commissioner may waive such fee.

411 (2) Not later than thirty days after receiving a request under this
412 subsection, the commissioner shall inform the individual making such
413 request whether, based on the criminal record information submitted,
414 such individual is disqualified from receiving or holding a license
415 issued pursuant to this chapter.

416 (3) The commissioner is not bound by a determination made under
417 this subsection, if, upon further investigation, the commissioner
418 determines that the individual's criminal conviction differs from the
419 information presented in the determination request.

420 Sec. 8. Section 20-195qqq of the general statutes is repealed and the
421 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

422 The Commissioner of Public Health may deny an application of an
423 individual or take any disciplinary action set forth in section 19a-17, as
424 amended by this act, against an art therapist for any of the following
425 reasons: (1) Failure to conform to the accepted standards of the
426 profession; (2) conviction of a felony, provided any action taken is based
427 upon (A) the nature of the conviction and its relationship to the license
428 holder's ability to safely or competently practice as an art therapist, (B)
429 information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the license
430 holder, and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or release; (3) fraud
431 or deceit in obtaining or seeking reinstatement of a license to practice art
432 therapy; (4) fraud or deceit in the practice of art therapy; (5) negligent,
433 incompetent or wrongful conduct in professional activities; (6) physical,
434 mental or emotional illness or disorder resulting in an inability to
435 conform to the accepted standards of the profession; (7) alcohol or
436 substance abuse; or (8) wilful falsification of entries in any hospital,
437 patient or other record pertaining to art therapy. The commissioner may
438 order a license holder to submit to a reasonable physical or mental
439 examination if his or her physical or mental capacity to practice safely is
440 the subject of an investigation. The commissioner may petition the
441 superior court for the judicial district of Hartford to enforce such order
442 or any action taken pursuant to section 19a-17, as amended by this act.
443 The commissioner shall give notice and an opportunity to be heard on
444 any contemplated action under section 19a-17, as amended by this act.

445 Sec. 9. Section 20-206n of the general statutes is repealed and the
446 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

447 (a) The department may, upon receipt of an application and fee of
448 one hundred ninety dollars, issue a certificate as a dietitian-nutritionist
449 to any applicant who has presented to the commissioner satisfactory
450 evidence that (1) such applicant is certified as a registered dietitian by
451 the Commission on Dietetic Registration, or (2) such applicant has (A)
452 successfully passed a written examination prescribed by the
453 commissioner, and (B) received a master's degree or doctoral degree,
454 from an institution of higher education accredited to grant such degree
455 by a regional accrediting agency recognized by the United States

456 Department of Education, with a major course of study which focused
457 primarily on human nutrition or dietetics and which included a
458 minimum of thirty graduate semester credits, twenty-one of which shall
459 be in not fewer than five of the following content areas: (i) Human
460 nutrition or nutrition in the life cycle, (ii) nutrition biochemistry, (iii)
461 nutrition assessment, (iv) food composition or food science, (v) health
462 education or nutrition counseling, (vi) nutrition in health and disease,
463 and (vii) community nutrition or public health nutrition.

464 (b) No certificate shall be issued under this section to any applicant
465 against whom a professional disciplinary action is pending or who is the
466 subject of an unresolved professional complaint.

467 (c) (1) Any individual who has been convicted of any criminal offense
468 may request, at any time, that the commissioner determine whether
469 such individual's criminal conviction disqualifies the individual from
470 obtaining a certificate issued or conferred by the commissioner pursuant
471 this section based on (A) the nature of the conviction and its relationship
472 to the individual's ability to safely or competently perform the duties or
473 responsibilities associated with such license, (B) information pertaining
474 to the degree of rehabilitation of the individual, and (C) the time elapsed
475 since the conviction or release of the individual.

476 (2) An individual making such request shall include (A) details of the
477 individual's criminal conviction, and (B) any payment required by the
478 department. The commissioner may charge a fee of not more than fifteen
479 dollars for each request made under this subsection. The commissioner
480 may waive such fee.

481 (3) Not later than thirty days after receiving a request under this
482 subsection, the commissioner shall inform the individual making such
483 request whether, based on the criminal record information submitted,
484 such individual is disqualified from receiving or holding a certificate
485 issued pursuant to this section.

486 (4) The department is not bound by a determination made under this
487 section, if, upon further investigation, the commissioner determines that

488 the individual's criminal conviction differs from the information
489 presented in the determination request.

490 Sec. 10. Section 20-206s of the general statutes is repealed and the
491 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

492 The department may deny an application of an individual or take any
493 action set forth in section 19a-17, as amended by this act, if the certificate
494 holder fails to conform to the accepted standards of the dietitian-
495 nutritionist profession, including, but not limited to, the following:
496 Conviction of a felony, provided any action taken is based upon (1) the
497 nature of the conviction and its relationship to the certificate holder's
498 ability to safely or competently perform the duties or responsibilities
499 associated with such certificate, (2) information pertaining to the degree
500 of rehabilitation of the certificate holder, and (3) the time elapsed since
501 the conviction or release; fraud or deceit in professional practice; illegal
502 conduct; negligent, incompetent or wrongful conduct in professional
503 activities; emotional disorder or mental illness; physical illness
504 including, but not limited to, deterioration through the aging process;
505 abuse or excessive use of drugs, including alcohol, narcotics or
506 chemicals; wilful falsification of entries in any client or patient record;
507 misrepresentation or concealment of a material fact in the obtaining or
508 reinstatement of a dietitian-nutritionist certificate; or violation of any
509 provision of sections 20-206m to 20-206t, inclusive.

510 Sec. 11. Subsection (i) of section 20-265b of the 2022 supplement to the
511 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
512 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

513 (i) The Commissioner of Public Health may deny an application of an
514 individual or take any disciplinary action set forth in section 19a-17, as
515 amended by this act, against an esthetician for failure to conform to the
516 accepted standards of the profession, including, but not limited to: (1)
517 Conviction of a felony, provided any action taken is based upon (A) the
518 nature of the conviction and its relationship to the license holder's ability
519 to safely or competently practice as an esthetician, (B) information

520 pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the license holder, and (C)
521 the time elapsed since the conviction or release; (2) fraud or deceit in
522 obtaining or seeking reinstatement of a license to practice as an
523 esthetician; (3) fraud or deceit in the practice of an esthetician; (4)
524 negligent, incompetent or wrongful conduct in professional activities;
525 (5) physical, mental or emotional illness or disorder resulting in an
526 inability to conform to the accepted standards of the profession; or (6)
527 abuse or excessive use of drugs, including, alcohol, narcotics or
528 chemicals. The commissioner may order a license holder to submit to a
529 reasonable physical or mental examination if his or her physical or
530 mental capacity to practice safely is the subject of an investigation. The
531 commissioner may petition the superior court for the judicial district of
532 Hartford to enforce such order or any action taken pursuant to section
533 19a-17, as amended by this act. The commissioner shall give notice and
534 an opportunity to be heard on any contemplated action under section
535 19a-17, as amended by this act.

536 Sec. 12. Section 20-265b of the general statutes is amended by adding
537 subsection (k) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

538 (NEW) (k) (1) Any individual who has been convicted of any criminal
539 offense may request, at any time, that the commissioner determine
540 whether such individual's criminal conviction disqualifies the
541 individual from obtaining a certificate issued or conferred by the
542 commissioner pursuant to this section based on (A) the nature of the
543 conviction and its relationship to the individual's ability to safely or
544 competently perform the duties or responsibilities associated with such
545 license, (B) information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the
546 individual, and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or release of
547 the individual.

548 (2) An individual making such request shall include (A) details of the
549 individual's criminal conviction, and (B) any payment required by the
550 commissioner. The commissioner may charge a fee of not more than
551 fifteen dollars for each request made under this subsection. The
552 commissioner may waive such fee.

553 (3) Not later than thirty days after receiving a request under this
554 subsection, the commissioner shall inform the individual making such
555 request whether, based on the criminal record information submitted,
556 such individual is disqualified from receiving or holding a certificate
557 issued pursuant to this section.

558 (4) The commissioner is not bound by a determination made under
559 this section, if, upon further investigation, the commissioner determines
560 that the individual's criminal conviction differs from the information
561 presented in the determination request.

562 Sec. 13. Subsection (i) of section 20-265c of the 2022 supplement to the
563 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
564 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

565 (i) The Commissioner of Public Health may deny an application of an
566 individual or take any disciplinary action set forth in section 19a-17, as
567 amended by this act, against an eyelash technician for failure to conform
568 to the accepted standards of the profession, including, but not limited
569 to: (1) Conviction of a felony, provided any action taken is based upon
570 (A) the nature of the conviction and its relationship to the license
571 holder's ability to safely or competently practice as an eyelash
572 technician, (B) information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of
573 the license holder, and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or
574 release; (2) fraud or deceit in obtaining or seeking reinstatement of a
575 license to practice as an eyelash technician; (3) fraud or deceit in the
576 practice of an eyelash technician; (4) negligent, incompetent or wrongful
577 conduct in professional activities; (5) physical, mental or emotional
578 illness or disorder resulting in an inability to conform to the accepted
579 standards of the profession; or (6) abuse or excessive use of drugs,
580 including, alcohol, narcotics or chemicals. The commissioner may order
581 a license holder to submit to a reasonable physical or mental
582 examination if his or her physical or mental capacity to practice safely is
583 the subject of an investigation. The commissioner may petition the
584 superior court for the judicial district of Hartford to enforce such order
585 or any action taken pursuant to section 19a-17, as amended by this act.

586 The commissioner shall give notice and an opportunity to be heard on
587 any contemplated action under section 19a-17, as amended by this act.

588 Sec. 14. Section 20-265c of the general statutes is amended by adding
589 subsection (k) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

590 (NEW) (k) (1) Any individual who has been convicted of any criminal
591 offense may request, at any time, that the commissioner determine
592 whether such individual's criminal conviction disqualifies the
593 individual from obtaining a certificate issued or conferred by the
594 commissioner pursuant to this section based on (A) the nature of the
595 conviction and its relationship to the individual's ability to safely or
596 competently perform the duties or responsibilities associated with such
597 license, (B) information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the
598 individual, and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or release of
599 the individual.

600 (2) An individual making such request shall include (A) details of the
601 individual's criminal conviction, and (B) any payment required by the
602 commissioner. The commissioner may charge a fee of not more than
603 fifteen dollars for each request made under this subsection. The
604 commissioner may waive such fee.

605 (3) Not later than thirty days after receiving a request under this
606 subsection, the commissioner shall inform the individual making such
607 request whether, based on the criminal record information submitted,
608 such individual is disqualified from receiving or holding a certificate
609 issued pursuant to this section.

610 (4) The commissioner is not bound by a determination made under
611 this section, if, upon further investigation, the commissioner determines
612 that the individual's criminal conviction differs from the information
613 presented in the determination request.

614 Sec. 15. Subsection (i) of section 20-265d of the 2022 supplement to
615 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
616 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

617 (i) The Commissioner of Public Health may deny an application of an
618 individual or take any disciplinary action set forth in section 19a-17, as
619 amended by this act, against a nail technician for failure to conform to
620 the accepted standards of the profession, including, but not limited to:
621 (1) Conviction of a felony, provided any action taken is based upon (A)
622 the nature of the conviction and its relationship to the license holder's
623 ability to safely or competently practice as an nail technician, (B)
624 information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the license
625 holder, and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or release; (2) fraud
626 or deceit in obtaining or seeking reinstatement of a license to practice as
627 a nail technician; (3) fraud or deceit in the practice of a nail technician;
628 (4) negligent, incompetent or wrongful conduct in professional
629 activities; (5) physical, mental or emotional illness or disorder resulting
630 in an inability to conform to the accepted standards of the profession; or
631 (6) abuse or excessive use of drugs, including, alcohol, narcotics or
632 chemicals. The commissioner may order a license holder to submit to a
633 reasonable physical or mental examination if his or her physical or
634 mental capacity to practice safely is the subject of an investigation. The
635 commissioner may petition the superior court for the judicial district of
636 Hartford to enforce such order or any action taken pursuant to section
637 19a-17, as amended by this act. The commissioner shall give notice and
638 an opportunity to be heard on any contemplated action under section
639 19a-17, as amended by this act.

640 Sec. 16. Section 20-265d of the general statutes is amended by adding
641 subsection (k) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

642 (NEW) (k) (1) Any individual who has been convicted of any criminal
643 offense may request, at any time, that the commissioner determine
644 whether such individual's criminal conviction disqualifies the
645 individual from obtaining a license issued or conferred by the
646 commissioner pursuant to this section based on (A) the nature of the
647 conviction and its relationship to the individual's ability to safely or
648 competently perform the duties or responsibilities associated with such
649 license, (B) information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the
650 individual, and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or release of

651 the individual.

652 (2) An individual making such request shall include (A) details of the
653 individual's criminal conviction, and (B) any payment required by the
654 commissioner. The commissioner may charge a fee of not more than
655 fifteen dollars for each request made under this subsection. The
656 commissioner may waive such fee.

657 (3) Not later than thirty days after receiving a request under this
658 subsection, the commissioner shall inform the individual making such
659 request whether, based on the criminal record information submitted,
660 such individual is disqualified from receiving or holding a license
661 issued pursuant to this section.

662 (4) The commissioner is not bound by a determination made under
663 this section, if, upon further investigation, the department determines
664 that the individual's criminal conviction differs from the information
665 presented in the determination request.

666 Sec. 17. Section 20-280e of the general statutes is repealed and the
667 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

668 (a) The State Board of Accountancy shall issue a Connecticut Certified
669 Public Accountant's Certificate to any person who has been granted the
670 designation "certified public accountant" and who submits an
671 application and pays the applicable fee for an initial certified public
672 accountant certificate. No person issued an initial certificate, pursuant
673 to this section, shall engage in the practice of public accountancy or use
674 the title or designation "certified public accountant", or the
675 abbreviations "CPA", or any other title, designation, words, letters,
676 abbreviation, sign, card or device tending to indicate that such person is
677 a certified public accountant, except as permitted in accordance with
678 sections 20-280 and 20-281g.

679 (b) (1) Any individual who has been convicted of any criminal offense
680 may request, at any time, that the board determine whether such
681 individual's criminal conviction disqualifies the individual from

682 obtaining a certificate or license issued or conferred by the board
683 pursuant to this chapter based on (A) the nature of the conviction and
684 its relationship to the individual's ability to safely or competently
685 perform the duties or responsibilities associated with such license, (B)
686 information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the individual,
687 and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or release of the individual.

688 (2) An individual making such request shall include (A) details of the
689 individual's criminal conviction, and (B) any payment required by the
690 board. The board may charge a fee of not more than fifteen dollars for
691 each request made under this subsection. The board may waive such
692 fee.

693 (3) Not later than thirty days after receiving a request under this
694 subsection, the board shall inform the individual making such request
695 whether, based on the criminal record information submitted, such
696 individual is disqualified from receiving or holding a license issued
697 pursuant to this chapter.

698 (4) The board is not bound by a determination made under this
699 section, if, upon further investigation, the board determines that the
700 individual's criminal conviction differs from the information presented
701 in the determination request.

702 Sec. 18. Section 20-281a of the general statutes is repealed and the
703 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

704 (a) After notice and hearing pursuant to section 20-280c, the board
705 may revoke any certificate, license or permit issued under section 20-
706 281c, 20-281d or 20-281e or the practice privilege of an individual who
707 qualifies under section 20-281n; suspend any such certificate,
708 registration, license, practice privilege or permit or refuse to renew any
709 such certificate, license or permit; reprimand, censure, or limit the scope
710 of practice of any licensee or individual that qualifies for the practice
711 privilege; impose a civil penalty not exceeding fifty thousand dollars
712 upon licensees, individuals who qualify for the practice privilege or
713 others violating provisions of section 20-281g; [or] place any licensee or

714 individual that qualifies for the practice privilege on probation, all with
715 or without terms, conditions and limitations; or deny an application of
716 an individual, for any one or more of the following reasons:

717 (1) Fraud or deceit in obtaining a certificate, registration, license,
718 practice privilege or permit;

719 (2) Cancellation, revocation, suspension or refusal to renew authority
720 to engage in the practice of public accountancy in any other state for any
721 cause;

722 (3) Failure, on the part of a holder of a license or permit under section
723 20-281d or 20-281e, to maintain compliance with the requirements for
724 issuance or renewal of such license or permit or to report changes to the
725 board under subsection (h) of section 20-281d or subsection (f) of section
726 20-281e;

727 (4) Revocation, limitation or suspension of the right to practice before
728 any state or federal agency or the Public Company Accounting
729 Oversight Board under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, or any of the
730 following actions taken by any such state or federal agency or said board
731 against a licensee or individual who qualifies for the practice privilege:
732 (A) Suspension of or barring a licensee from serving as a corporate
733 officer or director, (B) requiring such individual or licensee to disgorge
734 funds, or (C) suspension or barring such individual or a licensee from
735 association with a public accounting firm;

736 (5) Dishonesty, fraud or negligence in the practice of public
737 accountancy or in the filing or failure to file his own income tax returns;

738 (6) Violation of any provision of sections 20-279b to 20-281m,
739 inclusive, or regulation adopted by the board under said sections;

740 (7) Violation of any rule of professional conduct adopted by the board
741 under subdivision (4) of subsection (g) of section 20-280;

742 (8) (A) Conviction of a felony, provided any action taken is based
743 upon (i) the nature of the conviction and its relationship to the certificate

744 or license holder's ability to safely or competently engage in the practice
745 of public accountancy, (ii) information pertaining to the degree of
746 rehabilitation of the certificate or license holder, and (iii) the time
747 elapsed since the conviction or release, or (B) of any crime an element of
748 which is dishonesty or fraud, under the laws of the United States, of this
749 state, or of any other state if the acts involved would have constituted a
750 crime under the laws of this state, subject to the provisions of section
751 46a-80;

752 (9) Performance of any fraudulent act while holding a registration,
753 certificate, license, practice privilege or permit issued under sections 20-
754 279b to 20-281m, inclusive, or prior law;

755 (10) Any conduct reflecting adversely upon the licensee's fitness to
756 engage in the practice of public accountancy; and

757 (11) Violation by anyone of any provision of section 20-281g.

758 (b) In lieu of or in addition to any remedy specifically provided in
759 subsection (a) of this section, the board may require a licensee or
760 individual who qualifies for a practice privilege to: (1) Submit to a
761 quality review conducted in such fashion as the board may specify; or
762 (2) complete such continuing professional education programs as the
763 board may specify, or both.

764 (c) In any proceeding in which a remedy provided by subsection (a)
765 or (b) of this section is imposed, the board may also require the
766 respondent to pay the costs of the proceeding.

767 Sec. 19. Section 20-291 of the general statutes is repealed and the
768 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

769 (a) No person shall receive a license under the provisions of this
770 chapter until such person has passed an examination in such technical
771 and professional subjects as may be prescribed by the board, with the
772 consent of the Commissioner of Consumer Protection. Each person who
773 applies to the Department of Consumer Protection for a license under

774 the provisions of this chapter shall submit an application, together with
775 evidence of education and training experience as prescribed by the
776 commissioner, in consultation with the board, in regulations adopted in
777 accordance with chapter 54. The board or the commissioner may accept
778 in the case of any architect currently registered or licensed in another
779 state in lieu of the examination (1) a certificate of registration issued by
780 the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards; or (2)
781 evidence satisfactory to the board or the commissioner that such
782 architect is registered in a state having registration requirements
783 substantially equal to the licensure requirements of this state and that
784 such architect has been practicing in such other state for a period of at
785 least ten years. When the applicant has passed such examination to the
786 satisfaction of a majority of the board or the commissioner and has paid
787 to the department the fees prescribed in section 20-292, the department
788 shall enroll the applicant's name and address in the roster of licensed
789 architects and issue a license to the applicant, which shall entitle the
790 applicant to practice as an architect in this state.

791 (b) (1) Any individual who has been convicted of any criminal offense
792 may request, at any time, that the commissioner determine whether
793 such individual's criminal conviction disqualifies the individual from
794 obtaining a certificate or license issued or conferred by the
795 commissioner pursuant to this chapter based on (A) the nature of the
796 conviction and its relationship to the individual's ability to safely or
797 competently perform the duties or responsibilities associated with such
798 license, (B) information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the
799 individual, and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or release of
800 the individual.

801 (2) An individual making such request shall include (A) details of the
802 individual's criminal conviction, and (B) any payment required by the
803 commissioner. The commissioner may charge a fee of not more than
804 fifteen dollars for each request made under this subsection. The
805 commissioner may waive such fee.

806 (3) Not later than thirty days after receiving a request under this

807 subsection, the commissioner shall inform the individual making such
808 request whether, based on the criminal record information submitted,
809 such individual is disqualified from receiving or holding a certificate or
810 license issued pursuant to this chapter.

811 (4) The commissioner is not bound by a determination made under
812 this section, if, upon further investigation, the commissioner determines
813 that the individual's criminal conviction differs from the information
814 presented in the determination request.

815 Sec. 20. Section 20-294 of the general statutes is repealed and the
816 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

817 The Commissioner of Consumer Protection or the board may
818 suspend for a definite period, not to exceed one year, or revoke any
819 license or certificate of authority issued under this chapter, after notice
820 and hearing in accordance with the regulations adopted by the
821 Commissioner of Consumer Protection, or may officially censure any
822 person holding any such license or certificate of authority and may
823 assess a civil penalty of up to one thousand dollars per violation, (1) if it
824 is shown that the license or certificate was obtained through fraud or
825 misrepresentation, (2) if the holder of the license or certificate has been
826 found guilty by the board, the commissioner or by a court of competent
827 jurisdiction of any fraud or deceit in such holder's professional practice
828 or has been convicted of a felony, provided any action taken is based
829 upon (A) the nature of the conviction and its relationship to the
830 certificate or license holder's ability to safely or competently perform the
831 duties or responsibilities with such license or certificate, (B) information
832 pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the certificate or license
833 holder, and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or release, (3) if the
834 holder of the license or certificate has been found guilty by the board or
835 the commissioner of gross incompetency or of negligence in the
836 planning or construction of buildings, or (4) if it is shown to the
837 satisfaction of the board or the commissioner that the holder of the
838 license or certificate has violated any provision of this chapter or any
839 regulation adopted under this chapter. Any such suspension or

840 revocation of a license or certificate by the board shall be a proposed
841 final decision and submitted to the commissioner in accordance with the
842 provisions of subsection (b) of section 21a-7. The board or the
843 commissioner may reissue any such license or certificate which has been
844 revoked, and may modify the suspension of any such license or
845 certificate which has been suspended.

846 Sec. 21. Section 20-334 of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes
847 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
848 *October 1, 2022*):

849 (a) No person shall engage in, practice or offer to perform the work
850 of any occupation subject to this chapter in this state, including offering
851 to perform such work in any print, electronic, television or radio
852 advertising or listing, unless such person has first obtained a license as
853 provided in section 20-333, or possesses a card of registration from the
854 Labor Department or the board and is subject to all of the regulations
855 adopted under this chapter for the purpose of governing apprenticeship
856 training, or has been issued a license for such particular work under this
857 chapter prior to July 6, 1967.

858 (b) The Department of Consumer Protection shall furnish to each
859 qualified applicant a license certifying that the holder thereof is entitled
860 to engage in the work or occupation for which the person has been
861 issued a license under this chapter, and the holder of such license shall
862 carry it on his person while engaging in such work or occupation. Such
863 license shall be shown to any properly interested person on request. No
864 such license shall be transferred to or used by any person other than the
865 person to whom the license was issued. Contractors that fail to display
866 their state license number on all commercial vehicles used in their
867 business and in a conspicuous manner on all advertisements, bid
868 proposals, contracts, invoices and on all stationery used in their business
869 may be fined not more than five hundred dollars per violation, but shall
870 not be fined for the first violation. The department shall keep a register
871 in which shall be entered the names of all persons to whom such licenses
872 are issued. The register shall be at all times open to public inspection.

873 (c) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection and each board
874 established under section 20-331 may deny, suspend or revoke any
875 license or certificate granted or issued by it under this chapter if the
876 holder of such license or certificate (1) is convicted of a felony, provided
877 any action taken is based upon (A) the nature of the conviction and its
878 relationship to the license or certificate holder's ability to safely or
879 competently perform the duties or responsibilities associated with such
880 license or certificate, (B) information pertaining to the degree of
881 rehabilitation of the license or certificate holder, and (C) the time elapsed
882 since the conviction or release, (2) is grossly incompetent, (3) engages in
883 malpractice or unethical conduct or knowingly makes false, misleading
884 or deceptive representations regarding his or her work, or (4) violates
885 the regulations adopted under this chapter. Before any such license or
886 certificate is suspended or revoked, such holder shall be given notice
887 and opportunity for hearing as provided in regulations adopted by the
888 Commissioner of Consumer Protection. Any person whose license or
889 certificate has been suspended or revoked may, after ninety days but
890 not more than one hundred eighty days after such suspension or
891 revocation, apply to the board demonstrating good cause to have such
892 license reinstated. Any such suspension or revocation of a license or
893 [certification] certificate by the board shall be a proposed final decision
894 and submitted to the commissioner in accordance with the provisions
895 of subsection (b) of section 21a-7.

896 (d) (1) Any individual who has been convicted of any criminal offense
897 may request, at any time, that the commissioner determine whether
898 such individual's criminal conviction disqualifies the individual from
899 obtaining a license or certificate issued or conferred by the
900 commissioner pursuant to this chapter based on (A) the nature of the
901 conviction and its relationship to the individual's ability to safely or
902 competently perform the duties or responsibilities associated with such
903 license, (B) information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the
904 individual, and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or release of
905 the individual.

906 (2) An individual making such request shall include (A) details of the

907 individual's criminal conviction, and (B) any payment required by the
908 commissioner. The commissioner may charge a fee of not more than
909 fifteen dollars for each request made under this subsection. The
910 commissioner may waive such fee.

911 (3) Not later than thirty days after receiving a request under this
912 subsection, the commissioner shall inform the individual making such
913 request whether, based on the criminal record information submitted,
914 such individual is disqualified from receiving or holding a license or
915 certificate issued pursuant to this chapter.

916 (4) The commissioner is not bound by a determination made under
917 this section, if, upon further investigation, the commissioner determines
918 that the individual's criminal conviction differs from the information
919 presented in the determination request.

920 Sec. 22. Section 20-341gg of the general statutes is repealed and the
921 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

922 (a) As used in this section, "major contractor" means (1) any person
923 engaged in the business of construction, structural repair, structural
924 alteration, dismantling or demolition of a structure or addition that
925 exceeds the threshold limits provided in section 29-276b, or (2) any
926 person who, under the direction of a general contractor, performs or
927 offers to perform any work that impacts upon the structural integrity of
928 a structure or addition, including repair, alteration, dismantling or
929 demolition of a structure or addition that exceeds the threshold limits
930 provided in section 29-276b. Such work includes, but is not limited to,
931 roofing, masonry and structural frame work.

932 (b) No person shall engage in or offer to perform the work of any
933 major contractor in this state on any proposed structure or existing
934 structure or addition that exceeds the threshold limits contained in
935 section 29-276b unless such person has first obtained a license or
936 certificate of registration as required under the provisions of chapter 539
937 or a registration from the Department of Consumer Protection in
938 accordance with the provisions of this section. Individuals licensed

939 under chapter 393 shall be exempt from the provisions of this chapter
940 while engaging in work that they are licensed to perform. The
941 department shall issue a certificate of registration to any person who is
942 prequalified pursuant to section 4a-100 who applies for registration in
943 accordance with this section. Such prequalified person shall not be
944 required to pay a fee for such registration at any time that the person
945 maintains valid prequalification. If the individual or the firm, company,
946 partnership or corporation employing such individual is engaged in
947 work on a structure or addition that exceeds the threshold limits
948 contained in section 29-276b and requires licensure under chapter 393,
949 the firm, company, partnership or corporation shall be exempt from the
950 provisions of this chapter concerning registration of major contractors,
951 if the firm, company, partnership or corporation employs an individual
952 who is licensed as a contractor under chapter 393 to perform such work.
953 The department shall furnish to each qualified applicant a registration
954 certifying that the holder of such registration is entitled to engage in the
955 work for which the person has been issued a registration under this
956 subsection, and the holder of such registration shall carry it on his
957 person while engaging in such work. Such registration shall be shown
958 to any properly interested person upon request. No such registration
959 shall be transferred to or used by any person other than the person to
960 whom the registration was issued. The department shall maintain
961 rosters of registrants and shall update such rosters annually. The
962 department may provide copies of rosters to the public for an
963 appropriate fee. The department may deny, suspend or revoke any
964 registration issued by the department if the holder of such registration
965 (1) is convicted of a felony, provided any action taken is based upon (A)
966 the nature of the conviction and its relationship to the registration
967 holder's ability to safely or competently perform the work under such
968 registration, (B) information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of
969 the registration holder, and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or
970 release, (2) is grossly incompetent, (3) is disqualified, pursuant to section
971 4a-100 or whose prequalification certificate has been revoked pursuant
972 to section 4a-100, (4) engages in malpractice or unethical conduct or
973 knowingly makes false, misleading or deceptive representations

974 regarding his work, or (5) violates any regulation adopted under
975 subsection (c) of this section. Before any registration is suspended or
976 revoked, such holder shall be given notice and an opportunity for
977 hearing as provided in regulations adopted under subsection (c) of this
978 section. The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall provide
979 written notice of any suspension or revocation of a registration to the
980 Commissioner of Administrative Services not later than ten days after
981 such suspension or revocation.

982 (c) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall adopt
983 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to implement the provisions
984 of this section. Such regulations shall (1) establish the registration
985 requirements for major contractors, (2) specify application and
986 registration fees, and (3) establish occupational standards for the
987 preservation of the public safety.

988 (d) (1) Any individual who has been convicted of any criminal offense
989 may request, at any time, that the commissioner determine whether
990 such individual's criminal conviction disqualifies the individual from
991 obtaining registration issued or conferred by the commissioner
992 pursuant to this section based on (A) the nature of the conviction and its
993 relationship to the individual's ability to safely or competently perform
994 the duties or responsibilities associated with such license, (B)
995 information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the individual,
996 and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or release of the individual.

997 (2) An individual making such request shall include (A) details of the
998 individual's criminal conviction, and (B) any payment required by the
999 commissioner. The commissioner may charge a fee of not more than
1000 fifteen dollars for each request made under this subsection. The
1001 commissioner may waive such fee.

1002 (3) Not later than thirty days after receiving a request under this
1003 subsection, the commissioner shall inform the individual making such
1004 request whether, based on the criminal record information submitted,
1005 such individual is disqualified from receiving or holding a registration

1006 issued pursuant to this section.

1007 (4) The commissioner is not bound by a determination made under
1008 this section, if, upon further investigation, the commissioner determines
1009 that the individual's criminal conviction differs from the information
1010 presented in the determination request.

1011 Sec. 23. Section 20-361 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1012 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

1013 (a) Except as provided in section 20-365, no person shall be licensed
1014 as a sanitarian who does not prove to the satisfaction of the
1015 commissioner that such person holds a degree from an accredited
1016 college or university following four years of study and has two years of
1017 full-time experience, or the equivalent, in the field of environmental
1018 health acceptable to the commissioner. An applicant who successfully
1019 completes a special training course in environmental health approved
1020 by the commissioner may substitute such course for six months of such
1021 required experience in the field of environmental health. The applicant
1022 shall also be required to pass a written or oral examination in the science
1023 of environmental health as determined by the commissioner. An
1024 applicant for licensure shall not be required to be licensed while
1025 completing the work experience requirements of this section, provided,
1026 on and after January 1, 1998, such experience shall be completed under
1027 the supervision of a sanitarian licensed pursuant to this chapter or
1028 licensed, certified or registered in the jurisdiction in which such
1029 experience was completed.

1030 (b) (1) Any individual who has been convicted of any criminal offense
1031 may request, at any time, that the commissioner determine whether
1032 such individual's criminal conviction disqualifies the individual from
1033 obtaining a license issued or conferred by the commissioner under this
1034 chapter based on (A) the nature of the conviction and its relationship to
1035 the individual's ability to safely or competently perform the duties or
1036 responsibilities associated with such license, (B) information pertaining
1037 to the degree of rehabilitation of the individual, and (C) the time elapsed

1038 since the conviction or release of the individual.

1039 (2) An individual making such request shall include (A) details of the
1040 individual's criminal conviction, and (B) any payment required by the
1041 commissioner. The commissioner may charge a fee of not more than
1042 fifteen dollars for each request made under this subsection. The
1043 commissioner may waive such fee.

1044 (3) Not later than thirty days after receiving a request under this
1045 subsection, the commissioner shall inform the individual making such
1046 request whether, based on the criminal record information submitted,
1047 such individual is disqualified from receiving or holding a license
1048 issued pursuant to this chapter.

1049 (4) The commissioner is not bound by a determination made under
1050 this section, if, upon further investigation, the commissioner determines
1051 that the individual's criminal conviction differs from the information
1052 presented in the determination request.

1053 Sec. 24. Section 20-363 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1054 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

1055 The commissioner may refuse to issue or renew or may suspend or
1056 revoke a license or take any of the actions set forth in section 19a-17, as
1057 amended by this act, upon proof that the applicant or license holder (1)
1058 has employed or knowingly cooperated in fraud or material deception
1059 in order to obtain a license or has engaged in fraud or material deception
1060 in the course of professional services or activities at any place; (2) has
1061 been guilty of illegal, incompetent or negligent conduct in his or her
1062 practice; (3) has violated any provision of this chapter or any regulation
1063 adopted under this chapter; (4) has been found guilty or convicted as a
1064 result of an act which constitutes a felony under (A) the laws of this
1065 state, (B) federal law, or (C) the laws of another jurisdiction and which,
1066 if committed within this state, would have constituted a felony under
1067 the laws of this state, provided any action taken is based upon (i) the
1068 nature of the conviction and its relationship to the applicant's or license
1069 holder's ability to safely or competently perform the work under such

1070 license, (ii) information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the
1071 license, and (iii) the time elapsed since the conviction or release; or (5)
1072 has been subject to disciplinary action similar to that specified in section
1073 19a-17, as amended by this act, by a duly authorized professional
1074 disciplinary agency of any state, the District of Columbia, a United
1075 States possession or territory, or a foreign jurisdiction. The
1076 commissioner may petition the superior court for the judicial district of
1077 Hartford to enforce any action taken pursuant to section 19a-17, as
1078 amended by this act. Before the commissioner may suspend, revoke or
1079 refuse to renew a license or take such other action, the commissioner
1080 shall give the applicant or license holder notice and opportunity for
1081 hearing as provided in the regulations adopted by the commissioner.

1082 Sec. 25. Section 20-442a of the general statutes is repealed and the
1083 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

1084 (a) The department may deny an application of an individual or take
1085 any action set forth in section 19a-17, as amended by this act, and
1086 subsection (f) of section 19a-88 against a person or entity licensed or
1087 certified pursuant to chapter 400a for reasons including, but not limited
1088 to, the following: (1) Conviction of a felony, provided any action taken
1089 is based upon (A) the nature of the conviction and its relationship to the
1090 license or certificate holder's ability to safely or competently perform the
1091 work under such license, (B) information pertaining to the degree of
1092 rehabilitation of the license or certificate holder, and (C) the time elapsed
1093 since the conviction or release; (2) fraud or deceit in the practice of such
1094 person's or entity's profession; (3) negligent, incompetent or wrongful
1095 conduct in professional activities; (4) misrepresentation or concealment
1096 of a material fact in the obtaining, reinstatement or renewal of a license
1097 or certificate; or (5) violation of any provision of chapter 400a, or any
1098 regulation adopted thereunder. The commissioner may petition the
1099 superior court for the judicial district of Hartford to enforce such order
1100 or any action taken pursuant to section 19a-17, as amended by this act.
1101 Notice of any contemplated action under section 19a-17, as amended by
1102 this act, the cause of action and the date of a hearing on the action shall
1103 be given and an opportunity for hearing afforded in accordance with

1104 the provisions of chapter 54.

1105 (b) (1) Any individual who has been convicted of any criminal offense
1106 may request, at any time, that the commissioner determine whether
1107 such individual's criminal conviction disqualifies the individual from
1108 obtaining a license or certificate issued or conferred by the
1109 commissioner pursuant to this chapter based on (A) the nature of the
1110 conviction and its relationship to the individual's ability to safely or
1111 competently perform the duties or responsibilities associated with such
1112 license, (B) information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the
1113 individual, and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or release of
1114 the individual.

1115 (2) An individual making such request shall include (A) details of the
1116 individual's criminal conviction, and (B) any payment required by the
1117 commissioner. The commissioner may charge a fee of not more than
1118 fifteen dollars for each request made under this subsection. The
1119 commissioner may waive such fee.

1120 (3) Not later than thirty days after receiving a request under this
1121 subsection, the commissioner shall inform the individual making such
1122 request whether, based on the criminal record information submitted,
1123 such individual is disqualified from receiving or holding a license or
1124 certificate issued pursuant to this chapter.

1125 (4) The commissioner is not bound by a determination made under
1126 this section, if, upon further investigation, the commissioner determines
1127 that the individual's criminal conviction differs from the information
1128 presented in the determination request.

1129 Sec. 26. Section 20-475 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1130 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

1131 (a) On and after the effective date of regulations adopted pursuant to
1132 section 20-478, no entity shall hold itself out as a lead abatement
1133 contractor or lead consultant contractor, or to principally engage in such
1134 work in this state without a license issued by the Commissioner of

1135 Public Health. Applications for such license shall be made to the
1136 department on forms provided by it, and shall be accompanied by a fee
1137 of six hundred twenty-five dollars, and shall contain such information
1138 regarding the applicant's qualifications as the department may require
1139 in regulations adopted pursuant to said section 20-478 including, but
1140 not limited to, demonstrating that all employees of any applicant who
1141 require certification pursuant to subsections (e) and (f) of section 19a-88,
1142 and sections 20-474 to 20-482, inclusive, are certified by the department.
1143 The department shall review the technical, equipment and personnel
1144 resources of each applicant. No person shall be issued a license to act as
1145 a lead abatement contractor or lead consultant contractor unless such
1146 person obtains such approval. The commissioner may issue a license
1147 under this section to any person who is licensed in another state under
1148 a law which provides standards which are equal to or higher than those
1149 of Connecticut and is not subject to any unresolved complaints or
1150 pending disciplinary actions. Licenses issued pursuant to this section
1151 shall be renewed annually in accordance with the provisions of section
1152 19a-88 upon payment of a fee of six hundred twenty-five dollars.

1153 (b) (1) Any individual who has been convicted of any criminal offense
1154 may request, at any time, that the commissioner determine whether
1155 such individual's criminal conviction disqualifies the individual from
1156 obtaining a license or certificate issued or conferred by the
1157 commissioner pursuant to this chapter based on (A) the nature of the
1158 conviction and its relationship to the individual's ability to safely or
1159 competently perform the duties or responsibilities associated with such
1160 license, (B) information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the
1161 individual, and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or release of
1162 the individual.

1163 (2) An individual making such request shall include (A) details of the
1164 individual's criminal conviction, and (B) any payment required by the
1165 commissioner. The commissioner may charge a fee of not more than
1166 fifteen dollars for each request made under this subsection. The
1167 commissioner may waive such fee.

1168 (3) Not later than thirty days after receiving a request under this
1169 subsection, the commissioner shall inform the individual making such
1170 request whether, based on the criminal record information submitted,
1171 such individual is disqualified from receiving or holding a license
1172 issued by the department pursuant to this chapter.

1173 (4) The commissioner is not bound by a determination made under
1174 this section, if, upon further investigation, the commissioner determines
1175 that the individual's criminal conviction differs from the information
1176 presented in the determination request.

1177 Sec. 27. Section 20-481 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1178 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

1179 (a) The department may deny an application of an individual or take
1180 any action set forth in section 19a-17, as amended by this act, against a
1181 person or entity issued a license or certificate pursuant to sections 20-
1182 474 to 20-482, inclusive, and subsections (e) and (f) of section 19a-88 for
1183 reasons including, but not limited to, the following: Conviction of a
1184 felony, provided any action taken is based upon (1) the nature of the
1185 conviction and its relationship to the license or certificate holder's ability
1186 to safely or competently perform the work under such license or
1187 certificate, (2) information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of
1188 the license or certificate holder, and (3) the time elapsed since the
1189 conviction or release; fraud or deceit in the practice of his profession;
1190 negligent, incompetent or wrongful conduct in professional activities;
1191 misrepresentation or concealment of a material fact in the obtaining,
1192 reinstatement or renewal of a license; or violation of any provision of
1193 sections 20-474 to 20-482, inclusive, and subsections (e) and (f) of section
1194 19a-88 or any regulation adopted thereunder. The commissioner may
1195 petition the superior court for the judicial district of Hartford to enforce
1196 such order or any action taken pursuant to said section 19a-17, as
1197 amended by this act. Notice of any contemplated action under said
1198 section 19a-17, as amended by this act, the cause of action and the date
1199 of a hearing on the action shall be given and an opportunity for hearing
1200 afforded in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.

1201 Sec. 28. Subsection (i) of section 20-540 of the general statutes is
1202 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
1203 *1, 2022*):

1204 (i) The Department of Consumer Protection may deny, suspend or
1205 revoke an application of a certificate granted or issued by it pursuant to
1206 this section if the holder of such certificate is (1) convicted of a felony,
1207 provided any action taken is based upon (A) the nature of the conviction
1208 and its relationship to the certificate holder's ability to safely or
1209 competently perform work under such certificate, (B) information
1210 pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the certificate holder, and
1211 (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or release, (2) is grossly
1212 incompetent, (3) engages in malpractice or unethical conduct, or (4)
1213 knowingly makes false, misleading or deceptive representations
1214 regarding his work. Prior to such suspension or revocation, such holder
1215 shall be given notice and an opportunity for hearing as provided in
1216 regulations adopted by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection. Any
1217 person whose certificate has been suspended may, after ninety days,
1218 apply to the department to have such certificate reinstated.

1219 Sec. 29. Section 20-540 of the general statutes is amended by adding
1220 subsection (m) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

1221 (NEW) (m) (1) Any individual who has been convicted of any
1222 criminal offense may request, at any time, that the commissioner
1223 determine whether such individual's criminal conviction disqualifies
1224 the individual from obtaining a license or certificate issued or conferred
1225 by the commissioner pursuant to this section. An individual making
1226 such request shall include (A) details of the individual's criminal
1227 conviction, and (B) any payment required by the commissioner. The
1228 commissioner may charge a fee of not more than fifteen dollars for each
1229 request made under this subsection. The commissioner may waive such
1230 fee.

1231 (2) Not later than thirty days after receiving a request under this
1232 subsection, the commissioner shall inform the individual making such

1233 request whether, based on the criminal record information submitted,
1234 such individual is disqualified from receiving or holding a license or
1235 certificate issued pursuant to this section.

1236 (3) The commissioner is not bound by a determination made under
1237 this section, if, upon further investigation, the commissioner determines
1238 that the individual's criminal conviction differs from the information
1239 presented in the determination request.

1240 Sec. 30. Section 22a-66e of the general statutes is repealed and the
1241 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

1242 (a) The grounds for denial, revocation or suspension of a registration
1243 shall include, but not be limited to:

1244 (1) Violation of any provision of this chapter, as amended, or any
1245 regulation, permit, certificate, registration or order adopted,
1246 administered or issued pursuant thereto;

1247 (2) Inclusion of false or misleading information in an application or
1248 failure to notify the commissioner of a change as required by section
1249 22a-66c;

1250 (3) Inclusion of false or misleading information in records required to
1251 be maintained pursuant to section 22a-66g, the failure to maintain such
1252 records, or the failure to provide the commissioner with the records
1253 required by said section;

1254 (4) Use of a pesticide in a manner inconsistent with the registered
1255 labeling or with state or federal restrictions on the use of such pesticide;

1256 (5) Application of pesticides generally known in the trade to be
1257 ineffective or improper for the intended use;

1258 (6) Operation of faulty or unsafe equipment which may result in
1259 improper application or harm to the environment, the applicator or
1260 others from the pesticide;

1261 (7) Application of a pesticide in a faulty, careless or negligent manner;

1262 (8) Aiding or abetting a certified or uncertified person to evade the
1263 provisions of this chapter, as amended, or any regulation, permit,
1264 certificate, registration or order adopted, administered or issued
1265 pursuant thereto;

1266 (9) The making of a false or misleading statement during an
1267 inspection or investigation concerning an infestation of pests, an
1268 accident in applying a pesticide, misuse of a pesticide, or violation of a
1269 statute, regulation, certificate, registration or order;

1270 (10) The performance of work, whether or not for compensation, in a
1271 category for which the applicator is not certified; and

1272 (11) The conviction of the applicant or owner of a pesticide
1273 application business of a felony, as defined in section 53a-25, provided
1274 any action taken is based upon (A) the nature of the conviction and its
1275 relationship to the applicant's or owner's ability to safely or competently
1276 perform the work under such registration, (B) information pertaining to
1277 the degree of rehabilitation of the applicant or owner, and (C) the time
1278 elapsed since the conviction or release.

1279 (b) Any pesticide application business whose certificate of
1280 registration is denied, suspended or revoked shall not be eligible for a
1281 new certificate until such time has elapsed from the date of the denial,
1282 suspension or revocation as has been established by the commissioner.

1283 (c) A new certificate or renewal of a certificate shall not be issued to a
1284 commercial applicator unless the applicant has submitted the summary
1285 required pursuant to subsection (d) of section 22a-58, for the previous
1286 calendar year.

1287 (d) (1) Any individual who has been convicted of any criminal offense
1288 may request, at any time, that the commissioner determine whether
1289 such individual's criminal conviction disqualifies the individual from
1290 obtaining registration issued or conferred by the commissioner

1291 pursuant to this chapter based on (A) the nature of the conviction and
1292 its relationship to the individual's ability to safely or competently
1293 perform the duties or responsibilities associated with such license, (B)
1294 information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the individual,
1295 and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or release of the individual.

1296 (2) An individual making such request shall include (A) details of the
1297 individual's criminal conviction, and (B) any payment required by the
1298 commissioner. The commissioner may charge a fee of not more than
1299 fifteen dollars for each request made under this subsection. The
1300 commissioner may waive such fee.

1301 (3) Not later than thirty days after receiving a request under this
1302 subsection, the commissioner shall inform the individual making such
1303 request whether, based on the criminal record information submitted,
1304 such individual is disqualified from receiving or holding a registration
1305 issued pursuant to this chapter.

1306 (4) The commissioner is not bound by a determination made under
1307 this section, if, upon further investigation, the commissioner determines
1308 that the individual's criminal conviction differs from the information
1309 presented in the determination request.

1310 Sec. 31. Section 23-61i of the general statutes is repealed and the
1311 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

1312 (a) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall,
1313 after review of a complete application submitted in accordance with the
1314 provisions of section 23-61h, issue or deny a certificate of registration.
1315 The commissioner shall inform an applicant of a denial of a certificate of
1316 registration by certified mail, return receipt requested. The
1317 commissioner shall briefly state the reasons, as listed in subsection (c) of
1318 this section, for such denial. Any applicant aggrieved by the
1319 commissioner's decision to deny a certificate of registration may, not
1320 later than thirty days after the date of such decision, request a hearing
1321 before the commissioner. Such hearing shall be held in accordance with
1322 the provisions of chapter 54.

1323 (b) The commissioner may revoke or suspend a certificate of
1324 registration in accordance with the provisions of subsection (c) of this
1325 section and section 4-182.

1326 (c) The grounds for denial, revocation or suspension of a certificate of
1327 registration shall include the following:

1328 (1) Violation of any provision of this chapter or chapter 441 or any
1329 regulation, permit, certificate, registration or order adopted, issued or
1330 administered or issued pursuant to this chapter and chapter 441;

1331 (2) Inclusion of false or misleading information in an application or
1332 the failure to notify the commissioner of a change, as required by section
1333 23-61h;

1334 (3) Inclusion of false or misleading information in records required to
1335 be maintained pursuant to section 23-61k, or the failure to maintain such
1336 records or provide the commissioner with the records required by
1337 section 23-61k;

1338 (4) Use of a pesticide in a manner inconsistent with the registered
1339 labeling or with state or federal restrictions on the use of such pesticide;

1340 (5) Application of pesticides generally known in the trade to be
1341 ineffective or improper for the intended use;

1342 (6) Operation of faulty or unsafe equipment which may result in
1343 improper pesticide application or harm to the environment, a worker or
1344 other persons;

1345 (7) Application of a pesticide or performance of arboriculture in a
1346 faulty, careless or negligent manner;

1347 (8) Aiding or abetting a licensed or unlicensed person to evade the
1348 provisions of this chapter or chapter 441 or any regulation, permit,
1349 certificate, registration or order adopted, issued or administered
1350 pursuant to this chapter and chapter 441;

1351 (9) The making of a false or misleading statement during an
1352 inspection or investigation concerning an infestation of pests, an
1353 accident in applying a pesticide, misuse of a pesticide, or violation of a
1354 statute, regulation, certificate, registration or order;

1355 (10) The performance of arboriculture which does not meet generally
1356 accepted industry standards;

1357 (11) The performance of work, whether or not for compensation, in a
1358 category for which the arborist is not certified; and

1359 (12) The conviction of the applicant of a felony, as defined in section
1360 53a-25, provided any action taken is based upon (A) the nature of the
1361 conviction and its relationship to the applicant's or certificate holder's
1362 ability to safely or competently perform the work under such
1363 certification, (B) information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of
1364 the applicant or certificate holder, and (C) the time elapsed since the
1365 conviction or release.

1366 (d) Any arborist business whose certificate of registration is denied,
1367 suspended or revoked shall not be eligible to reapply for a certificate of
1368 registration until the commissioner determines that such applicant may
1369 reapply.

1370 (e) The commissioner shall not issue a certificate of registration or a
1371 renewal of a certificate of registration to an arborist business unless such
1372 arborist business submits the summary required pursuant to subsection
1373 (d) of section 22a-58 for the previous calendar year.

1374 (f) (1) Any individual who has been convicted of any criminal offense
1375 may request, at any time, that the commissioner determine whether
1376 such individual's criminal conviction disqualifies the individual from
1377 obtaining a certificate issued or conferred by the commissioner pursuant
1378 to this section based on (A) the nature of the conviction and its
1379 relationship to the individual's ability to safely or competently perform
1380 the duties or responsibilities associated with such license, (B)
1381 information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the individual,

1382 and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or release of the individual.

1383 (2) An individual making such request shall include (A) details of the
1384 individual's criminal conviction, and (B) any payment required by the
1385 commissioner. The commissioner may charge a fee of not more than
1386 fifteen dollars for each request made under this subsection. The
1387 commissioner may waive such fee.

1388 (3) Not later than thirty days after receiving a request under this
1389 subsection, the commissioner shall inform the individual making such
1390 request whether, based on the criminal record information submitted,
1391 such individual is disqualified from receiving or holding a certificate
1392 issued pursuant this section.

1393 (4) The commissioner is not bound by a determination made under
1394 this section, if, upon further investigation, the commissioner determines
1395 that the individual's criminal conviction differs from the information
1396 presented in the determination request.

1397 Sec. 32. Section 29-154a of the general statutes is repealed and the
1398 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

1399 (a) The commissioner may grant a private detective or private
1400 detective agency license to any suitable person, or to any corporation,
1401 association or partnership subject to the following qualifications: The
1402 applicant for a private detective or private detective agency license shall
1403 be not less than twenty-five years of age and of good moral character
1404 and shall have had at least five years' experience as a full-time
1405 investigator, as determined in regulations adopted by the commissioner
1406 pursuant to section 29-161, or shall have had at least ten years'
1407 experience as a police officer with a state or organized municipal police
1408 department. Employment as a security officer shall not be considered as
1409 employment as an investigator. If the applicant is a corporation,
1410 association or partnership, the person filing the application on behalf of
1411 such corporation, association or partnership shall meet the
1412 qualifications set forth in this section for an individual applicant, and
1413 shall be an officer of such corporation or member of such association or

1414 partnership. If the commissioner grants a private detective or private
1415 detective agency license to an applicant based on such applicant's
1416 experience as an investigator with an organized municipal fire
1417 department, such license shall restrict such licensee to performing the
1418 same type of investigations as were performed for the municipal fire
1419 department.

1420 (b) The commissioner may, at the commissioner's discretion,
1421 substitute up to one year of experience for a private detective or private
1422 detective agency applicant upon proof of satisfactory participation in a
1423 course of instruction pertinent to the license applied for.

1424 (c) No license shall be issued to any person who has been (1)
1425 convicted of any felony, (2) convicted of any misdemeanor under
1426 section 21a-279, 53a-58, 53a-61, 53a-61a, 53a-62, 53a-63, 53a-96, 53a-175,
1427 53a-176, 53a-178 or 53a-181d, or equivalent conviction in another
1428 jurisdiction, within the past seven years, (3) convicted of any offense
1429 involving moral turpitude, or (4) discharged from military service under
1430 conditions that demonstrate questionable moral character.

1431 (d) Any applicant who has been denied a license may appeal in
1432 writing to the commissioner not later than thirty days after receipt of
1433 such denial.

1434 (e) (1) Any individual who has been convicted of any criminal offense
1435 may request, at any time, that the commissioner determine whether
1436 such individual's criminal conviction disqualifies the individual from
1437 obtaining a license or registration issued or conferred by the
1438 commissioner pursuant to this chapter based on (A) the nature of the
1439 conviction and its relationship to the individual's ability to safely or
1440 competently perform the duties or responsibilities associated with such
1441 license, (B) information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the
1442 individual, and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or release of
1443 the individual.

1444 (2) An individual making such request shall include (A) details of the
1445 individual's criminal conviction, and (B) any payment required by the

1446 commissioner. The commissioner may charge a fee of not more than
1447 fifteen dollars for each request made under this subsection. The
1448 commissioner may waive such fee.

1449 (3) Not later than thirty days after receiving a request under this
1450 subsection, the commissioner shall inform the individual making such
1451 request whether, based on the criminal record information submitted,
1452 such individual is disqualified from receiving or holding a license or
1453 registration issued pursuant this chapter.

1454 (4) The commissioner is not bound by a determination made under
1455 this section, if, upon further investigation, the commissioner determines
1456 that the individual's criminal conviction differs from the information
1457 presented in the determination request.

1458 Sec. 33. Section 29-158 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1459 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

1460 Any license or registration issued under the provisions of sections 29-
1461 153 to 29-161, inclusive, may be suspended or revoked by the
1462 commissioner, after giving notice and an opportunity to be heard to the
1463 licensee or registrant when the commissioner finds that the licensee or
1464 registrant has: (1) Violated any of the terms or provisions of sections 29-
1465 153 to 29-161, inclusive, or any of the regulations adopted thereunder;
1466 (2) practiced fraud, deceit or misrepresentation in dealing with the
1467 clients of the licensee or registrant; (3) made a material misstatement in
1468 the application for issuance of such license or registration, or, in the case
1469 of a licensee, in the application for renewal of such license; (4)
1470 demonstrated incompetence or untrustworthiness in the conduct of the
1471 business; or (5) been convicted of a felony or other crime involving
1472 moral turpitude, provided any action taken is based upon (A) the nature
1473 of the conviction and its relationship to the licensee's or registrant's
1474 ability to safely or competently perform the work under such license or
1475 registration, (B) information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of
1476 the licensee or registrant, and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction
1477 or release. If the licensee or registrant has been convicted under section

1478 53a-61 or 53a-62, the commissioner shall consider the facts and
1479 circumstances surrounding such conviction prior to suspending or
1480 revoking the license or registration. Any party aggrieved by an order of
1481 the commissioner under the provisions of this section may appeal
1482 therefrom in accordance with the provisions of section 4-183, except the
1483 venue for such appeal shall be the judicial district of New Britain.

1484 Sec. 34. Section 29-161v of the general statutes is repealed and the
1485 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

1486 (a) Any license for a security service or security officer or approval as
1487 a security officer instructor may be suspended or revoked by the
1488 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, provided
1489 notice shall have been given to the licensee or instructor to appear before
1490 the commissioner to show cause why the license or approval should not
1491 be suspended or revoked, upon a finding by the commissioner that: (1)
1492 The licensee has violated any of the terms or provisions of sections 29-
1493 161g to 29-161x, inclusive, or in the case of an instructor, section 29-161q,
1494 or any of the regulations adopted pursuant to section 29-161x; (2) the
1495 licensee or instructor has practiced fraud, deceit or misrepresentation;
1496 (3) the licensee or instructor has made a material misstatement in the
1497 application for issuance or renewal of the license or approval; (4) the
1498 licensee or instructor has demonstrated incompetence or
1499 untrustworthiness in the conduct of the business; or (5) the licensee or
1500 instructor has been convicted of a felony, provided any action taken is
1501 based upon (A) the nature of the conviction and its relationship to the
1502 licensee's or instructor's ability to safely or competently perform the
1503 work under such license or approval, (B) information pertaining to the
1504 degree of rehabilitation of the licensee or instructor, and (C) the time
1505 elapsed since the conviction or release or [other] a crime affecting the
1506 licensee's or instructor's honesty [,] or integrity. [or moral fitness.] Any
1507 party aggrieved by an order of the commissioner under this section may
1508 appeal therefrom in accordance with the provisions of section 4-183,
1509 except the venue for such appeal shall be the judicial district of New
1510 Britain.

1511 (b) (1) Any individual who has been convicted of any criminal offense
1512 may request, at any time, that the commissioner determine whether
1513 such individual's criminal conviction disqualifies the individual from
1514 obtaining a license issued or conferred by the commissioner pursuant to
1515 this chapter based on (A) the nature of the conviction and its
1516 relationship to the individual's ability to safely or competently perform
1517 the duties or responsibilities associated with such license, (B)
1518 information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the individual,
1519 and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or release of the individual.

1520 (2) An individual making such request shall include (A) details of the
1521 individual's criminal conviction, and (B) any payment required by the
1522 commissioner. The commissioner may charge a fee of not more than
1523 fifteen dollars for each request made under this subsection. The
1524 commissioner may waive such fee.

1525 (3) Not later than thirty days after receiving a request under this
1526 subsection, the commissioner shall inform the individual making such
1527 request whether, based on the criminal record information submitted,
1528 such individual is disqualified from receiving or holding a license
1529 issued pursuant this chapter.

1530 (4) The commissioner is not bound by a determination made under
1531 this section, if, upon further investigation, the commissioner determines
1532 that the individual's criminal conviction differs from the information
1533 presented in the determination request.

1534 Sec. 35. Section 30-47 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1535 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

1536 (a) The Department of Consumer Protection may, in its discretion,
1537 suspend, revoke or refuse to grant or renew a permit for the sale of
1538 alcoholic liquor if it has reasonable cause to believe: (1) That the
1539 applicant or permittee appears to be financially irresponsible or neglects
1540 to provide for his family, or neglects or is unable to pay his just debts;
1541 (2) that the applicant or permittee has been provided with funds by any
1542 wholesaler or manufacturer or has any forbidden connection with any

1543 other class of permittee as provided in this chapter; (3) that the applicant
1544 or permittee is in the habit of using alcoholic beverages to excess; (4) that
1545 the applicant or permittee has wilfully made any false statement to the
1546 department in a material matter; (5) that the applicant or permittee has
1547 been convicted of violating any of the liquor laws of this or any other
1548 state or the liquor laws of the United States or has been convicted of a
1549 felony as such term is defined in section 53a-25, provided any action
1550 taken is based upon (A) the nature of the conviction and its relationship
1551 to the applicant or permittee's ability to safely or competently perform
1552 the duties associated with such permit, (B) information pertaining to the
1553 degree of rehabilitation of the applicant or permittee, and (C) the time
1554 elapsed since the conviction or release, or has such a criminal record that
1555 the department reasonably believes he is not a suitable person to hold a
1556 permit, provided no refusal shall be rendered under this subdivision
1557 except in accordance with the provisions of sections 46a-80 and 46a-81;
1558 (6) that the applicant or permittee has not been delegated full authority
1559 and control of the permit premises and of the conduct of all business on
1560 such premises; or (7) that the applicant or permittee has violated any
1561 provision of this chapter or any regulation adopted under this chapter.
1562 Any backer shall be subject to the same disqualifications as provided in
1563 this section in the case of an applicant for a permit or a permittee.

1564 (b) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may, in his or her
1565 discretion, require a permittee who has had his or her permit for the sale
1566 of alcoholic liquor suspended or revoked pursuant to subsection (a) of
1567 this section to have such permittee's employees participate in an alcohol
1568 seller and server training program approved by the commissioner. The
1569 commissioner may require proof of completion of the program from the
1570 permittee prior to reactivation or reissuance of such permit.

1571 (c) In lieu of suspending or revoking a permit for the sale of alcoholic
1572 liquor pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, the commissioner may
1573 require a permittee to have such permittee's employees participate in an
1574 alcohol seller and server training program.

1575 (d) (1) Any individual who has been convicted of any criminal offense

1576 may request, at any time, that the commissioner determine whether
 1577 such individual's criminal conviction disqualifies the individual from
 1578 obtaining a permit issued or conferred by the department pursuant to
 1579 this chapter based on (A) the nature of the conviction and its
 1580 relationship to the individual's ability to safely or competently perform
 1581 the duties or responsibilities associated with such permit, (B)
 1582 information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the individual,
 1583 and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or release of the individual.

1584 (2) An individual making such request shall include (A) details of the
 1585 individual's criminal conviction, and (B) any payment required by the
 1586 commissioner. The commissioner may charge a fee of not more than
 1587 fifteen dollars for each request made under this subsection. The
 1588 department may waive such fee.

1589 (3) Not later than thirty days after receiving a request under this
 1590 subsection, the commissioner shall inform the individual making such
 1591 request whether, based on the criminal record information submitted,
 1592 such individual is disqualified from receiving or holding a permit
 1593 issued pursuant to this chapter.

1594 (4) The commissioner is not bound by a determination made under
 1595 this section, if, upon further investigation, the commissioner determines
 1596 that the individual's criminal conviction differs from the information
 1597 presented in the determination request.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	19a-14(a)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	19a-17(a)
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-195o
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-195p
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-195cc
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-195ee
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-195ooo
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-195qqq
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-206n

Sec. 10	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-206s
Sec. 11	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-265b(i)
Sec. 12	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-265b
Sec. 13	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-265c(i)
Sec. 14	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-265c
Sec. 15	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-265d(i)
Sec. 16	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-265d
Sec. 17	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-280e
Sec. 18	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-281a
Sec. 19	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-291
Sec. 20	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-294
Sec. 21	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-334
Sec. 22	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-341gg
Sec. 23	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-361
Sec. 24	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-363
Sec. 25	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-442a
Sec. 26	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-475
Sec. 27	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-481
Sec. 28	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-540(i)
Sec. 29	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-540
Sec. 30	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	22a-66e
Sec. 31	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	23-61i
Sec. 32	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	29-154a
Sec. 33	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	29-158
Sec. 34	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	29-161v
Sec. 35	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	30-47

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a potential revenue gain from licensing fees by limiting circumstances in which a person's occupational license can be denied, revoked, or suspended.

The bill also allows an individual convicted of a criminal offense to request in writing if the conviction disqualifies them from obtaining a license and allows Commissioners to charge up to a \$15 fee for this service. To the extent individuals request this service and a fee is charged, this results in a potential revenue gain to the state.

House "A" strikes the underlying bill and its associated fiscal impact resulting in the impact described above.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of occupational licenses that haven't been revoked, denied, or suspended and the number of request fees paid to Commissioners.

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 5248 (as amended by House "A")******AN ACT CONCERNING COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES OF CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS ON OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING.*****SUMMARY**

This bill limits the circumstances under which various agencies, boards, and commissions that issue occupational licenses (including certificates and permits) may take certain actions against a practitioner because the practitioner was found guilty or convicted of a felony (e.g., denying, revoking, or suspending a license). More specifically, it only allows them to do so if the decision is based on (1) the nature of the conviction and its relationship to the practitioner's ability to perform the occupation's duties or responsibilities safely or competently, (2) information about the practitioner's degree of rehabilitation, and (3) the time passed since the conviction or release.

The bill also creates a process for individuals who were convicted of a crime to find out whether their conviction would disqualify them from practicing these occupations. To do so, they generally must provide information about the conviction to the relevant licensing entity, which must respond within 30 days.

For certain occupations, the bill also prohibits the relevant licensing entities from taking certain disciplinary actions summarily (immediately) upon learning that a practitioner was found guilty or convicted of a felony (§ 2).

The law generally authorizes the Department of Health (DPH) to deny an occupational permit or license for an applicant who has been found guilty or convicted of a felony (in Connecticut, under federal law, or in any other jurisdiction if it would have been a felony in

Connecticut). Under current law, however, DPH cannot do this for barbers, hairdressers, or cosmeticians. The bill broadens this exception to also cover licenses for embalmers and funeral directors (§ 1).

*House Amendment "A" replaces the underlying bill (File 379). It (1) adds the provision that creates a process for individuals to find out if their conviction disqualifies them from practicing an occupation, (2) generally broadens the available disciplinary actions to include denying a license or credential, and (3) requires that disciplinary actions for a felony conviction meet the three-part criteria.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2022

LICENSE DENIALS AND OTHER DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS FOR CONVICTIONS

Current law allows the various occupational licensing boards or commissions and state agencies to take certain disciplinary actions against a practitioner who was convicted of a felony, or for certain other reasons that may vary depending on the occupation (e.g., failure to meet professional standards; fraud). Depending on the occupation, these may include revoking or suspending a license or permit, censuring or reprimanding the practitioner, limiting or restricting the practitioner's practice, placing the practitioner on probationary status, or assessing a civil penalty.

The bill generally adds denying a license, certificate, or permit to the types of disciplinary actions that these licensing entities may take. (In some instances, existing law already allows for a denial.) But if the action is taken because of a practitioner's conviction of a felony, the bill requires that it be based on (1) the nature of the conviction and its relationship to the practitioner's ability to perform the associated duties or responsibilities safely or competently, (2) information about practitioner's degree of rehabilitation, and (3) the time passed since the conviction or release. These criteria generally align with a similar provision in the state's anti-discrimination law (see BACKGROUND).

Table 1 shows the occupations to which these bill provisions apply.

Below the table is additional information about the bill's differences for licensing architects; private detectives, detective businesses, and investigators; and security services, security officers, and security officer instructors.

Table 1: Occupations with Disciplinary Actions Limited by the Bill

Bill Sections	Statutes (CGS §)	Occupation
3-4	20-195o 20-195p	Clinical social worker and master social worker
5-6	20-195cc 20-195ee	Professional counselor
7-8	20-195ooo 20-195qqq	Art therapist
9-10	20-206n 20-206s	Dietician-nutritionist
11-12	20-265b	Esthetician
13-14	20-265c	Eyelash technician
15-16	20-265d	Nail technician
17-18	20-280e 20-281a	Public accountant
19-20	20-291 20-294	Architect
21	20-334	Tradesperson in electrical; plumbing and piping; solar; heating, piping, cooling, and sheet metal; fire protection sprinkler systems; elevator installation, repair, and maintenance; irrigation; automotive glass; flat glass; or gas hearth work field Residential stair lift technician; swimming pool builder (and other occupations covered by Chapter 393)
22	20-341gg	Major contractor
23-24	20-361 20-363	Sanitarian*

25	20-442a	Asbestos contractor and consultant
26-27	20-475 20-481	Lead abatement consultant, contractor, and worker
28-29	20-540	Public service gas technician
30	22a-66e	Pesticide application business*
31	23-61i	Arborist business*
32-33	29-154a 29-158	Private detective, detective business, or investigator
34	29-161v	Security service, security officer, or security officer instructor
35	30-47	Liquor permittee*

*Current law already allows license denial as a disciplinary action

Architects (§§ 19-20)

Neither current law nor the bill explicitly allows denying an architect license as a disciplinary action. The bill's limits only apply to license suspensions or revocations, censures, and civil penalties imposed due to a felony conviction.

Private Detective, Detective Business, or Investigator (§§ 32-33)

Existing law, unchanged by the bill, prohibits issuing these licenses to individuals convicted of any felony or certain specified misdemeanors. The bill's limits only apply to suspending or revoking these licenses when the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) commissioner finds that the licensee or registrant has been convicted of a felony or other crime involving moral turpitude.

Security Service, Security Officer, or Security Officer Instructors (§ 34)

Neither current law nor the bill explicitly allows denying these licenses as a disciplinary action. The bill's limits only apply to these license suspensions or revocations when the DESPP commissioner finds that the licensee or instructor has been convicted of a felony.

Current law also allows these licenses to be suspended or revoked if

the licensee is convicted of a crime affecting the licensee's honesty, integrity, or moral fitness. The bill removes crimes affecting the licensee's moral fitness from the types of crimes for which the license may be suspended or revoked.

PROCESS TO LEARN ABOUT DISQUALIFICATION

For all of the occupations listed in Table 1 above, the bill creates a process through which people who were convicted of a crime can learn whether their conviction would disqualify them from attaining the relevant license, certificate, or permit.

Under the bill, anyone convicted of a crime may ask the relevant licensing authority at any time to determine whether the conviction disqualifies him or her from obtaining the applicable license based on (1) the nature of the conviction and its relationship to the person's ability to perform the associated duties or responsibilities safely or competently, (2) information about the person's degree of rehabilitation, and (3) the time elapsed since the person's conviction or release.

The person must include details about the conviction and any required payment. The bill allows the licensing entities to charge a fee of up to \$15 per request, which may be waived. The applicable licensing entity must respond within 30 days after receiving the request and inform the person whether, based on the criminal record information submitted, he or she is disqualified from receiving or holding the relevant license, permit, or certificate.

The bill specifies that the licensing entity is not bound by its determination if, upon further investigation, it determines that the person's conviction differs from the information presented in the determination request.

IMMEDIATE DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Current law allows various occupational licensing boards or commissions and DPH to take certain actions against a practitioner summarily if they receive proof that the practitioner was found guilty

or convicted of a felony. These disciplinary actions include summarily revoking or suspending a license or permit, censuring or reprimanding the practitioner, limiting or restricting the practitioner’s practice, placing the practitioner on probationary status, and assessing a civil penalty up to \$25,000.

Under the bill, these disciplinary actions cannot be taken summarily against licensed clinical social workers and master social workers, art therapists, dietician-nutritionists, embalmers or funeral directors, barbers, hairdressers, cosmeticians, estheticians, eyelash technicians, or nail technicians who were found guilty or convicted of a felony.

BACKGROUND

Anti-discrimination Law

The state’s anti-discrimination law generally prohibits someone from being disqualified to practice any occupation that requires a state-issued license solely because of a prior criminal conviction. However, such a person may be denied a license after considering (1) the nature of the crime and its relationship to the job; (2) information about the person’s degree of rehabilitation; and (3) the time elapsed since the conviction or release (CGS § 46a-80).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Labor and Public Employees Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 13 Nay 0 (03/24/2022)