
OLR Bill Analysis

SB 135

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MAXIMUM CHARGE FOR CERTAIN OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES, CERTIFICATIONS, PERMITS AND REGISTRATIONS.

SUMMARY

This bill caps at \$100 various Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) occupational registration, certification, and license fees. In general, the capped fees are annual credentialing fees for individuals, such as contractors in the trades, but do not include guaranty fund contributions or examination fees. In the case of telecommunications infrastructure layout technicians (§ 15) and home inspectors (§ 23), who are licensed biennially, the bill correspondingly caps fees at \$200.

The bill also caps at \$100 the fee for the following business organization certificates of registration that are not issued to individuals: mechanical contractor initial or renewal registrations (§§ 12 & 13) and landscape architecture corporation renewal registrations (§ 16).

The bill requires the DCP commissioner to adopt regulations to ensure that the fee for a license, permit, certification, or registration issued by DCP to an individual does not exceed \$100 annually (§ 28). However, the bill excludes from this fee cap credentials issued under the Liquor Control Act (i.e., title 30). (Presumably, the \$100 cap does not apply to related fees, such as guaranty fund contributions and exam fees.)

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2023, except the provision requiring the commissioner to adopt regulations is effective upon passage.

FEE REDUCTIONS

The bill reduces various occupational registration, certification, and

license fees. The table below shows each of the fees that the bill reduces to \$100 annually or \$200 biennially. Under existing law and unchanged by the bill, fees shown in the table cover a one-year period unless otherwise noted.

Table: License, Certification, or Registration Fees Reduced to \$100 Annually or \$200 Biennially

<i>Bill Section (CGS Citation)</i>	<i>License, Certification, or Registration</i>	<i>Fee Under Current Law</i>
1 (20-281c)	Public accountant certificate (limited scope of practice)	\$150 one-time license fee
2 (20-281d)	Public accountant (with unlimited scope of practice)	\$150 initial license fee \$565 renewal fee
3 (20-292)	Architect	\$190 license fee, whether initial or renewal
4-6 (20-305, 20-306 & 20-308)	Professional engineer; land surveyor; combined professional engineer and land surveyor	\$220 initial license fee, or \$190 if credentialed in another jurisdiction under comparable laws \$285 renewal fee
7 (20-314)	Real estate brokers	\$565 initial license fee \$375 renewal fee \$375 fee for reinstated license, due for each year or fraction thereof since it lapsed
7 (20-314)	Real estate salespeople	\$285 license fee, whether initial or renewal \$285 fee for reinstated license, due for each year or fraction thereof since it lapsed
8 (20-333)	Limited or unlimited contractor in the trades*	\$150 application fee (see also § 9 below for license and renewal fees)
9 (20-335)	Tradesperson* license	\$150 license fee for contractors, whether initial or renewal \$120 for other licensees (see also § 8 above)

Bill Section (CGS Citation)	License, Certification, or Registration	Fee Under Current Law
10 (20-340d)	Swimming pool builder	\$150 initial license fee
11 (20-340f)	Residential stair lift technician	\$150 initial license fee
12 & 13 (20-341u & 20-341y)	Mechanical contractor (i.e., business entity employing plumbing or HVAC tradespeople for larger-scale projects)	\$110 license fee, whether initial or renewal
14 (20-349)	Television and radio service dealer, including combination service dealer and electronics or radio electronics technician	\$200 license fee, whether initial or renewal
15 (20-357m)	Telecommunications infrastructure layout technician	\$315 biennial license fee, whether initial or renewal
16 (20-369a)	Landscape architecture corporation	\$200 renewal fee
17 (20-374)	Landscape architect	\$280 initial license fee \$160 renewal fee
18 & 19 (20-377m & 20-377s)	Interior designer	\$190 license fee, whether initial or renewal
20 (20-417b)	New home construction contractor	\$120 license fee, whether initial or renewal
21 (20-421; see also 20-427(f))	Home improvement contractor (HIC) or HIC salesperson	\$120 license fee, whether initial or renewal
22 (20-457)	Community association manager	\$200 renewal fee
23 (20-492a)	Home inspector	\$250 biennial renewal fee
24 (20-511)	Certified appraiser	\$375 initial license fee \$285 renewal fee
25 (20-601)	Pharmacist license or temporary permit to practice pharmacy	\$200 initial license fee

Bill Section (CGS Citation)	License, Certification, or Registration	Fee Under Current Law
26	Fund-raising counsel	\$120 license fee, whether initial or renewal
27	Paid solicitor	\$500 license fee, whether initial or renewal

*Generally covers fields of elevator installation, repair, and maintenance; fire protection sprinkler systems; flat glass work; gas hearth; heating, piping, and cooling; irrigation; plumbing and piping; residential stair lift; sheet metal; solar; swimming pool; and electrical

BACKGROUND

Related Bill

sHB 6767, reported favorably by the General Law Committee, requires that registrations for new home construction contractors be effective for 18 months and cost \$180 if they are renewed during a transition year in which registrations go from being biennial to annual (§ 9).

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 23 Nay 0 (03/02/2023)