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The Committee on General Law reported through SEN. MARONEY of the 14th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

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

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 20-281c of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
3 *2023*):

4 (a) The board shall grant the certificate of "certified public
5 accountant" to any person who meets the good character, education,
6 experience and examination requirements of subsections (b) to (d),
7 inclusive, of this section and upon the payment of a fee of [one hundred
8 fifty] one hundred dollars.

9 Sec. 2. Subsection (g) of section 20-281d of the general statutes is
10 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
11 *2023*):

12 (g) The board shall charge a fee of [one hundred fifty] one hundred

13 dollars for the initial issuance and the professional services fee for [class
14 I] class B, as defined in section 33-182l, for each annual renewal of such
15 license.

16 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 20-292 of the general statutes is
17 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
18 *2023*):

19 (a) Each licensed architect shall renew his or her license annually.
20 Pursuant to section 20-289, a licensee shall pay to the department the
21 professional services fee for [class F] class B, as defined in section 33-
22 182l and shall submit proof of, or attest to, completion of continuing
23 education requirements.

24 Sec. 4. Section 20-305 of the general statutes is repealed and the
25 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

26 Applications for licensure under this chapter shall be on forms
27 prescribed and furnished by the Department of Consumer Protection.
28 The nonrefundable application fee for a professional engineer license
29 shall be eighty dollars. The nonrefundable application fee for an
30 engineer-in-training license shall be seventy-six dollars, which shall
31 accompany the application and which shall include the cost of the
32 issuance of a license. The nonrefundable application fee for a land
33 surveyor license shall be eighty dollars. The nonrefundable application
34 fee for a surveyor-in-training license shall be sixty-four dollars, which
35 shall accompany the application and which shall include the cost of the
36 issuance of a license. The initial license fee for a professional engineer
37 license or a land surveyor license shall be [two hundred twenty] one
38 hundred dollars. The application fee for a combined license as
39 professional engineer and land surveyor shall be eighty dollars. The
40 initial license fee for such combined license shall be [two hundred
41 twenty] one hundred dollars.

42 Sec. 5. Subsection (a) of section 20-306 of the general statutes is
43 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
44 *2023*):

45 (a) (1) The Department of Consumer Protection shall notify each
46 person licensed under this chapter of the date of the expiration of such
47 license and the amount of the fee required for its renewal for one year.
48 Such license renewals shall be accompanied by the payment of the
49 professional services fee for [class G] class B, as defined in section 33-
50 182l, in the case of a professional engineer license, a professional
51 engineer and land surveyor combined license, or a land surveyor
52 license. The license shall be considered lapsed if not renewed on or
53 before the expiration date.

54 (2) Annual renewal of an engineer-in-training license or a surveyor-
55 in-training license shall not be required. Any such license shall remain
56 valid for a period of ten years from the date of its original issuance and,
57 during this time, it shall meet in part the requirements for licensure as a
58 professional engineer or land surveyor. It shall not be the duty of the
59 department to notify the holder of an engineer-in-training license or a
60 surveyor-in-training license of the date of expiration of such license
61 other than to publish it annually in the roster.

62 (3) Renewal of any license under this chapter or payment of renewal
63 fees shall not be required of any licensee serving in the armed forces of
64 the United States until the next renewal period immediately following
65 the termination of such service or the renewal period following the fifth
66 year after such licensee's entry into such service, whichever occurs first.
67 The status of such licensees shall be indicated in the annual roster of
68 professional engineers and land surveyors.

69 Sec. 6. Subsection (a) of section 20-308 of the general statutes is
70 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
71 *2023*):

72 (a) The board may, upon application and the payment of a fee of [one
73 hundred ninety] one hundred dollars to the Department of Consumer
74 Protection, authorize the department to issue a license as a professional
75 engineer, or a combined license as a professional engineer and land
76 surveyor or, upon application and the payment of a fee of [one hundred
77 ninety] one hundred dollars, to issue a license as a land surveyor to any

78 person who holds a certificate of qualification, licensure or registration
79 issued to such person by the proper authority of any state, territory or
80 possession of the United States, or any country, or the National Bureau
81 of Engineering Registration, provided the requirements for the licensure
82 or registration of professional engineers or land surveyors under which
83 such license, certificate of qualification or registration was issued shall
84 not conflict with the provisions of this chapter and shall be of a standard
85 not lower than that specified in section 20-302. Upon request of any such
86 applicant the board may, if it determines that the application is in
87 apparent good order, authorize the department to grant to such
88 applicant permission in writing to practice engineering or land
89 surveying or both for a specified period of time while such application
90 is pending. The board may waive the first part of the examination
91 specified in subdivision (1) of section 20-302 in the case of an applicant
92 for licensure as a professional engineer who holds a certificate as an
93 engineer-in-training issued to him by the proper authority of any state,
94 territory or possession of the United States, provided the requirements
95 under which the certificate was issued do not conflict with the
96 provisions of this chapter and are of a standard at least equal to that
97 specified in said subdivision (1). The board may waive that part of the
98 examination specified in subdivision (3) of section 20-302 relating to the
99 fundamentals of land surveying, in the case of an applicant for licensure
100 as a land surveyor who holds a certificate as a surveyor-in-training
101 issued to him by the proper authority of any state, territory or
102 possession of the United States, provided the requirements under which
103 the certificate was issued do not conflict with the provisions of this
104 chapter and are of a standard at least equal to that specified in said
105 subdivision (3).

106 Sec. 7. Subsection (f) of section 20-314 of the general statutes is
107 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
108 *2023*):

109 (f) All licenses issued under the provisions of this chapter shall expire
110 annually. At the time of application for a real estate broker's license,
111 there shall be paid to the commission, for each individual applicant and

112 for each proposed active member or officer of a firm, partnership,
113 association or corporation, the sum of [five hundred sixty-five] one
114 hundred dollars, and for the annual renewal thereof, the sum of [three
115 hundred seventy-five] one hundred dollars, except that for licenses
116 expiring on March 31, 2022, a prorated renewal fee shall be charged to
117 reflect the fact that the March 2022, renewal shall expire on November
118 30, 2023. At the time of application for a real estate salesperson's license,
119 there shall be paid to the commission [two hundred eighty-five] one
120 hundred dollars and for the annual renewal thereof the sum of [two
121 hundred eighty-five] one hundred dollars. Three dollars of each such
122 annual renewal fee shall be payable to the Real Estate Guaranty Fund
123 established pursuant to section 20-324a. A real estate broker's license
124 issued to any partnership, association or corporation shall entitle the
125 individual designated in the application, as provided in section 20-312,
126 upon compliance with the terms of this chapter, but without the
127 payment of any further fee, to perform all of the acts of a real estate
128 broker under this chapter on behalf of such partnership, association or
129 corporation. Any license which expires and is not renewed pursuant to
130 this subsection may be reinstated by the commission, if, not later than
131 two years after the date of expiration, the former licensee pays to the
132 commission for each real estate broker's license the sum of [three
133 hundred seventy-five] one hundred dollars and for each real estate
134 salesperson's license the sum of [two hundred eighty-five] one hundred
135 dollars for each year or fraction thereof from the date of expiration of
136 the previous license to the date of payment for reinstatement, except
137 that any licensee whose license expired after such licensee entered
138 military service shall be reinstated without payment of any fee if an
139 application for reinstatement is filed with the commission within two
140 years after the date of expiration. Any such reinstated broker's license
141 shall expire on the next succeeding November thirtieth, except that any
142 broker's license that is reinstated before March 31, 2022, shall expire on
143 March 31, 2022. Any such reinstated real estate salesperson's license
144 shall expire on the next succeeding May thirty-first.

145 Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 20-333 of the general statutes is
146 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*

147 2023):

148 (a) To obtain a license under this chapter, an applicant shall have
149 attained such applicant's eighteenth birthday and shall furnish such
150 evidence of competency as the appropriate board or the Commissioner
151 of Consumer Protection shall require. A recommendation for review
152 issued pursuant to section 31-22u shall be sufficient to demonstrate such
153 competency. The applicant shall satisfy such board or the commissioner
154 that such applicant possesses a diploma or other evidence of graduation
155 from the eighth grade of grammar school, or possesses an equivalent
156 education to be determined on examination and has the requisite skill
157 to perform the work in the trade for which such applicant is applying
158 for a license and can comply with all other requirements of this chapter
159 and the regulations adopted under this chapter. A recommendation for
160 review issued pursuant to section 31-22u shall be sufficient to
161 demonstrate that an applicant possesses such requisite skill and can
162 comply with all other requirements of this chapter and the regulations
163 adopted under this chapter. For any application submitted pursuant to
164 this section that requires a hearing or other action by the applicable
165 examining board or the commissioner, such hearing or other action by
166 the applicable examining board or the commissioner shall occur not
167 later than thirty days after the date of submission for such application.
168 Upon application for any such license, the applicant shall pay to the
169 department a nonrefundable application fee of ninety dollars for a
170 license under subdivisions (2) and (3) of subsection (a) and subdivision
171 (4) of subsection (e) of section 20-334a, or a nonrefundable application
172 fee of [one hundred fifty] one hundred dollars for a license under
173 subdivision (1) of subsection (a), subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection
174 (b), subdivision (1) of subsection (c) and subdivisions (1), (2) and (3) of
175 subsection (e) of section 20-334a. Any such application fee shall be
176 waived for persons who present a recommendation for review issued
177 pursuant to section 31-22u.

178 Sec. 9. Section 20-335 of the general statutes is repealed and the
179 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

180 Any person who has successfully completed an examination for such
181 person's initial license under this chapter shall pay to the Department of
182 Consumer Protection a fee of [one hundred fifty] one hundred dollars
183 for [a contractor's license or a fee of one hundred twenty dollars for any
184 other] such license. Any such initial license fee shall be waived for
185 persons who present a recommendation for review issued pursuant to
186 section 31-22u. All such licenses shall expire annually. No person shall
187 carry on or engage in the work or occupations subject to this chapter
188 after the expiration of such person's license until such person has filed
189 an application bearing the date of such person's registration card with
190 the appropriate board. Such application shall be in writing, addressed
191 to the secretary of the board from which such renewal is sought and
192 signed by the person applying for such renewal. A licensee applying for
193 renewal shall, at such times as the commissioner shall by regulation
194 prescribe, furnish evidence satisfactory to the board that the licensee has
195 completed any continuing professional education required under
196 sections 20-330 to 20-341, inclusive, or any regulations adopted
197 thereunder. The board may renew such license if the application for
198 such renewal is received by the board no later than one month after the
199 date of expiration of such license, upon payment to the department of a
200 renewal fee of [one hundred fifty] one hundred dollars. [in the case of a
201 contractor and of one hundred twenty dollars for any other such
202 license.] For any completed renewal application submitted pursuant to
203 this section that requires a hearing or other action by the applicable
204 examining board, such hearing or other action by the applicable
205 examining board shall occur not later than thirty days after the date of
206 submission for such completed renewal application. The department
207 shall issue a receipt stating the fact of such payment, which receipt shall
208 be a license to engage in such work or occupation. A licensee who has
209 failed to renew such licensee's license for a period of over two years
210 from the date of expiration of such license shall have it reinstated only
211 upon complying with the requirements of section 20-333, as amended
212 by this act. All license fees and renewal fees paid to the department
213 pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the General Fund.

214 Sec. 10. Subsection (h) of section 20-340d of the general statutes is

215 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
216 *2023*):

217 (h) The initial fee for a swimming pool builder's license shall be [one
218 hundred fifty] one hundred dollars and the renewal fee for such license
219 shall be one hundred dollars. Licenses shall be valid for a period of one
220 year from the date of issuance.

221 Sec. 11. Subsection (b) of section 20-340f of the general statutes is
222 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
223 *2023*):

224 (b) The initial fee for a residential stair lift technician's license shall be
225 [one hundred fifty] one hundred dollars and the renewal fee for such
226 license shall be seventy-five dollars. Licenses shall be valid for a period
227 of one year from the date of issuance.

228 Sec. 12. Subsection (b) of section 20-341u of the general statutes is
229 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
230 *2023*):

231 (b) Each application for a certificate of registration under this section
232 shall be accompanied by a fee of [one hundred ten] one hundred dollars.

233 Sec. 13. Subsection (d) of section 20-341y of the general statutes is
234 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
235 *2023*):

236 (d) The fee for renewal of a certificate shall be [one hundred ten] one
237 hundred dollars.

238 Sec. 14. Subsection (c) of section 20-349 of the general statutes is
239 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
240 *2023*):

241 (c) Any person desiring to be licensed under this chapter shall apply
242 to the board in writing, on forms which the Department of Consumer
243 Protection shall provide, stating: (1) Such person's name, residence

244 address and business address; (2) a brief description of his
245 qualifications, including the length and nature of his experience; (3) in
246 the case of an apprentice, the name of his employer or supervisor; and
247 (4) such other information as the department may require. Each
248 application for a license as a service dealer shall be accompanied by a
249 fee of [two hundred] one hundred dollars. Each application for a license
250 as a licensed electronics technician, licensed antenna technician or
251 licensed radio electronics technician shall be accompanied by a fee of
252 eighty dollars. Each application for a permit as an apprentice shall be
253 accompanied by a fee of forty dollars. If a service dealer as an individual
254 is a licensed electronics technician or licensed radio electronics
255 technician, only one license fee shall be charged in the amount of [two
256 hundred] one hundred dollars. All such fees shall be paid to the
257 department.

258 Sec. 15. Subsection (d) of section 20-357m of the general statutes is
259 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
260 *2023*):

261 (d) The commissioner shall issue a telecommunications infrastructure
262 layout technician license to any individual who: (1) Completes a college
263 level program or other program of instruction approved by the
264 Department of Consumer Protection that assures industry standards in
265 telecommunications infrastructure design; (2) submits an application
266 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section deemed acceptable by the
267 Commissioner of Consumer Protection; and (3) at the time of
268 application, has held for not less than five years and continues to hold a
269 valid unlimited or limited electrical license issued under the Electrical
270 Work Board or a public service technician certificate of registration
271 issued pursuant to section 20-340b, or has other equivalent experience
272 and training as required for an electrical license, as determined by the
273 commissioner. A license issued pursuant to this subsection is
274 nontransferable. The fee for a telecommunications infrastructure layout
275 technician license is [three hundred fifteen] two hundred dollars. Such
276 license shall be renewed biennially and the renewal fee is [three
277 hundred fifteen] two hundred dollars.

278 Sec. 16. Subsection (b) of section 20-369a of the general statutes is
279 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
280 *2023*):

281 (b) A qualifying corporation or limited liability company desiring a
282 certificate of registration shall file with the board an application upon a
283 form prescribed by the Department of Consumer Protection,
284 accompanied by an application fee of eighty dollars. Each such
285 certificate shall expire annually and shall be renewable upon payment
286 of a fee of [two hundred] one hundred dollars. If all requirements of this
287 chapter are met, the board shall authorize the department to issue to
288 such corporation or limited liability company a certificate of registration
289 within thirty days after such application, provided the board may refuse
290 to authorize the issuance of a certificate if any facts exist which would
291 entitle the board to suspend or revoke an existing certificate of
292 registration.

293 Sec. 17. Subsection (a) of section 20-374 of the general statutes is
294 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
295 *2023*):

296 (a) Every licensed landscape architect shall pay an annual license fee
297 to the department. A holder of a valid license who is not engaging in the
298 active practice of the holder's profession in this state and does not desire
299 to register may allow the license to lapse by notifying the board of the
300 holder's intention not to renew the license. After a license has been
301 allowed to lapse or has been suspended, it may be reinstated upon
302 payment of a reinstatement fee and such proof of the landscape
303 architect's qualifications as may be required in the sound discretion of
304 the board. The department shall issue a receipt to each landscape
305 architect promptly upon the payment of the annual fee for a license. The
306 amount of fees prescribed by this chapter is that fixed by the following
307 schedule: (1) The application fee for examination shall be a
308 nonrefundable fee of eighty dollars; (2) the fee for an initial license shall
309 be [two hundred eighty] one hundred dollars; (3) the fee for a duplicate
310 license shall be fifteen dollars; (4) the annual license fee shall be the

311 professional services fee for [class E] class B, as defined in section 33-
312 182l; (5) the reinstatement fee for a suspended license shall be two
313 hundred fifty dollars; and (6) the reinstatement fee for a lapsed license
314 shall be one hundred eighty dollars.

315 Sec. 18. Subsection (b) of section 20-377m of the general statutes is
316 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
317 *2023*):

318 (b) Each application for a certificate of registration shall be
319 accompanied by a fee of [one hundred ninety] one hundred dollars,
320 provided any architect licensed in this state shall not be required to pay
321 such fee.

322 Sec. 19. Subsection (e) of section 20-377s of the general statutes is
323 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
324 *2023*):

325 (e) A registered interior designer may apply for renewal of a
326 certificate of registration. The fee for renewal of such certificate of
327 registration shall be [one hundred ninety] one hundred dollars,
328 provided any architect licensed in this state shall not be required to pay
329 such fee.

330 Sec. 20. Subsection (b) of section 20-417b of the general statutes is
331 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
332 *2023*):

333 (b) Any person seeking a certificate of registration shall apply to the
334 commissioner, online, on a form provided by the commissioner. The
335 application shall include (1) the applicant's name, business street
336 address and business telephone number, (2) the identity of the insurer
337 that provides the applicant with insurance coverage for liability, (3) if
338 such applicant is required by any provision of the general statutes to
339 have workers' compensation coverage, the identity of the insurer that
340 provides the applicant with such workers' compensation coverage, (4)
341 if such applicant is required by any provision of the general statutes to

342 have an agent for service of process, the name and address of such agent,
343 and (5) proof of general liability insurance coverage in an amount not
344 less than twenty thousand dollars, demonstrated by providing the
345 policy number and business name of the insurance provider. Each such
346 application shall be accompanied by a fee of [one hundred twenty] one
347 hundred dollars, except that no such application fee shall be required if
348 such person has paid the registration fee required under section 20-421,
349 as amended by this act, during any year in which such person's
350 registration as a new home construction contractor would be valid.

351 Sec. 21. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 20-421 of the general statutes
352 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
353 *1, 2023*):

354 (b) Each application for a certificate of registration as a home
355 improvement contractor shall be accompanied by a fee of [one hundred
356 twenty] one hundred dollars, except that no such application fee shall
357 be required in any year during which such person has paid the
358 registration fee required under section 20-417b, as amended by this act,
359 or in any year in which such person's registration as a new home
360 construction contractor is valid.

361 (c) Each application for a certificate of registration as a salesman shall
362 be accompanied by a fee of [one hundred twenty] one hundred dollars.

363 Sec. 22. Subsection (d) of section 20-457 of the general statutes is
364 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
365 *2023*):

366 (d) All certificates issued to community association managers under
367 the provisions of sections 20-450 to 20-462, inclusive, shall expire
368 annually on the thirty-first day of January. A holder of a certificate of
369 registration who seeks to renew his or her certificate shall, when filing
370 an application for renewal of the certificate, submit documentation to
371 the department which establishes that he or she has passed any
372 examination and completed any educational coursework, as the case
373 may be, required for certification under this chapter. The fee for renewal

374 of a certificate shall be [two hundred] one hundred dollars.

375 Sec. 23. Subsection (c) of section 20-492a of the general statutes is
376 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
377 *2023*):

378 (c) All licenses issued under the provisions of this section shall expire
379 biennially and may be renewed upon application and payment to the
380 department of a renewal fee in the amount of [two hundred fifty] two
381 hundred dollars.

382 Sec. 24. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 20-511 of the general statutes
383 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
384 *1, 2023*):

385 (a) In order to obtain an appraiser certification or a provisional
386 license, each person who has met, to the satisfaction of the commission,
387 the minimum requirements established by the commission for such
388 certification or provisional license shall pay to the commission, in
389 addition to the application fee described in subsection (c) of section 20-
390 509, an initial fee of [Three hundred seventy-five dollars in the case of
391 certified appraisers and] one hundred dollars. [in the case of provisional
392 licensees.]

393 (b) All certifications and provisional licenses issued under the
394 provisions of sections 20-500 to 20-528, inclusive, shall expire annually
395 and be subject to renewal. The renewal fee for certifications and
396 provisional licenses, to be paid to the commission, shall be [Two
397 hundred eighty-five dollars in the case of certified appraisers and] one
398 hundred dollars. [in the case of provisional licensees.]

399 Sec. 25. Section 20-601 of the general statutes is repealed and the
400 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

401 The department shall collect the following nonrefundable fees:

402 (1) The fee for issuance of a pharmacist license is [two hundred] one
403 hundred dollars, payable at the date of application for the license.

404 (2) The fee for renewal of a pharmacist license is the professional
405 services fee for class A, as defined in section 33-182l. Before the
406 commission grants a license to an applicant who has not held a license
407 authorized by the commission within five years of the date of
408 application, the applicant shall pay the fee required in subdivision (1) of
409 this section.

410 (3) The fee for issuance of a pharmacy license is seven hundred fifty
411 dollars.

412 (4) The fee for renewal of a pharmacy license is one hundred ninety
413 dollars.

414 (5) The late fee for an application for renewal of a license to practice
415 pharmacy, a pharmacy license or a permit to sell nonlegend drugs is the
416 amount set forth in section 21a-4.

417 (6) The fee for notice of a change in officers or directors of a
418 corporation holding a pharmacy license is sixty dollars for each
419 pharmacy license held. A late fee for failing to give such notice within
420 ten days of the change is fifty dollars in addition to the fee for notice.

421 (7) The fee for filing notice of a change in name, ownership or
422 management of a pharmacy is ninety dollars. A late fee for failing to give
423 such notice within ten days of the change is fifty dollars in addition to
424 the fee for notice.

425 (8) The fee for application for registration as a pharmacy intern is
426 sixty dollars.

427 (9) The fee for application for a permit to sell nonlegend drugs is one
428 hundred forty dollars.

429 (10) The fee for renewal of a permit to sell nonlegend drugs is one
430 hundred dollars.

431 (11) The late fee for failing to notify the commission of a change of
432 ownership, name or location of the premises of a permit to sell

433 nonlegend drugs within five days of the change is twenty dollars.

434 (12) The fee for issuance of a nonresident pharmacy certificate of
435 registration is seven hundred fifty dollars.

436 (13) The fee for renewal of a nonresident pharmacy certificate of
437 registration is one hundred ninety dollars.

438 (14) The fee for notice of a change in officers or directors of a
439 corporation holding a nonresident pharmacy certificate of registration
440 is sixty dollars for each pharmacy license held. A late fee for failing to
441 give such notice within ten days of the change is fifty dollars, in addition
442 to the fee for notice.

443 (15) The fee for filing notice of a change in name, ownership or
444 management of a nonresident pharmacy is ninety dollars. A late fee for
445 failing to give such notice within ten days of the change is fifty dollars,
446 in addition to the fee for notice.

447 (16) The fee for application for registration as a pharmacy technician
448 is one hundred dollars.

449 (17) The fee for renewal of a registration as a pharmacy technician is
450 fifty dollars.

451 (18) The fee for issuance of a temporary permit to practice pharmacy
452 is [two hundred] one hundred dollars.

453 Sec. 26. Subsection (b) of section 21a-190e of the general statutes is
454 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
455 *2023*):

456 (b) A fund-raising counsel who at any time has custody or control of
457 contributions from a solicitation shall register with the department.
458 Applications for registration or renewal of a registration as a fund-
459 raising counsel shall be in a form prescribed by the commissioner and
460 shall be accompanied by a fee in the amount of [one hundred twenty]
461 one hundred dollars. Each fund-raising counsel shall certify that such

462 application or report is true and correct to the best of the fund-raising
463 counsel's knowledge. Each application shall contain such information as
464 the department shall require. Each registration shall be valid for one
465 year and may be renewed for additional one-year periods. An applicant
466 for registration or for a renewal of registration as a fund-raising counsel
467 shall, at the time of making such application, file with and have
468 approved by the department a bond in a form prescribed by the
469 commissioner, in which the applicant shall be the principal obligor in
470 the sum of twenty thousand dollars, with one or more responsible
471 sureties whose liability in the aggregate as such sureties shall be no less
472 than such sum. The fund-raising counsel shall maintain the bond in
473 effect as long as the registration is in effect. The bond shall run to the
474 state and to any person who may have a cause of action against the
475 principal obligor of the bond for any liabilities resulting from the
476 obligor's conduct of any activities subject to sections 21a-190a to 21a-
477 190l, inclusive, or arising out of a violation of said sections or any
478 regulation adopted pursuant to said sections. Any such fund-raising
479 counsel shall account to the charitable organization with which he has
480 contracted for all income received and expenses paid no later than
481 ninety days after a solicitation campaign has been completed, and in the
482 case of a solicitation campaign lasting more than one year, on the
483 anniversary of the commencement of such campaign. Such accounting
484 shall be in writing, shall be retained by the charitable organization for
485 three years and shall be available to the department upon request.

486 Sec. 27. Subsection (a) of section 21a-190f of the general statutes is
487 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
488 *2023*):

489 (a) No person shall act as a paid solicitor unless such person has first
490 registered with the department. Registration shall be in a form
491 prescribed by the commissioner, shall be certified by the paid solicitor
492 as true and correct to the best of the solicitor's knowledge and shall be
493 accompanied by a fee in the amount of [five hundred] one hundred
494 dollars. The application shall contain such information as the
495 department shall require. Each registration shall be valid for one year

496 and may be renewed for additional one-year periods.

497 Sec. 28. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Except as provided in
 498 subsection (b) of this section and not later than July 1, 2024, the
 499 Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall adopt any regulations, in
 500 accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, necessary to ensure
 501 that any individual who is licensed, certified or permitted by, or
 502 registered with, or who seeks a license, certification, permit or
 503 registration from, the commissioner or the Department of Consumer
 504 Protection is not charged a licensing, certification, permit or registration
 505 fee in an amount that is greater than one hundred dollars per license,
 506 certification, permit or registration year.

507 (b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to
 508 any license, certification, permit or registration issued under title 30 of
 509 the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2023	20-281c(a)
Sec. 2	July 1, 2023	20-281d(g)
Sec. 3	July 1, 2023	20-292(a)
Sec. 4	July 1, 2023	20-305
Sec. 5	July 1, 2023	20-306(a)
Sec. 6	July 1, 2023	20-308(a)
Sec. 7	July 1, 2023	20-314(f)
Sec. 8	July 1, 2023	20-333(a)
Sec. 9	July 1, 2023	20-335
Sec. 10	July 1, 2023	20-340d(h)
Sec. 11	July 1, 2023	20-340f(b)
Sec. 12	July 1, 2023	20-341u(b)
Sec. 13	July 1, 2023	20-341y(d)
Sec. 14	July 1, 2023	20-349(c)
Sec. 15	July 1, 2023	20-357m(d)
Sec. 16	July 1, 2023	20-369a(b)
Sec. 17	July 1, 2023	20-374(a)
Sec. 18	July 1, 2023	20-377m(b)
Sec. 19	July 1, 2023	20-377s(e)

Sec. 20	July 1, 2023	20-417b(b)
Sec. 21	July 1, 2023	20-421(b) and (c)
Sec. 22	July 1, 2023	20-457(d)
Sec. 23	July 1, 2023	20-492a(c)
Sec. 24	July 1, 2023	20-511(a) and (b)
Sec. 25	July 1, 2023	20-601
Sec. 26	July 1, 2023	21a-190e(b)
Sec. 27	July 1, 2023	21a-190f(a)
Sec. 28	from passage	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 9, "one hundred dollars for a contractor's license or a fee of [one hundred twenty] one hundred dollars for any other such license" was changed to "one hundred dollars [for a contractor's license or a fee of one hundred twenty dollars] for [any other] such license", and "one hundred dollars in the case of a contractor and of [one hundred twenty] one hundred dollars for any other such license." was changed to "one hundred dollars. [in the case of a contractor and of one hundred twenty dollars for any other such license.]", for clarity.

GL *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

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 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Revenue Loss	13.5 million	13.5 million

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill establishes a maximum fee the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) can charge for certain individual licenses, certifications, permits, and registrations resulting in a revenue loss of approximately \$13.5 million per year. The bill affects over 60 types of licenses, certifications, permits, and registrations for which DCP received over 130,000 application and renewal requests in FY 22. These fees currently range from \$60 to \$600.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of individual licenses, certifications, permits, and registration applications and renewals received.

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

Bill Section (CGS Citation)	License, Certification, or Registration	Fee Under Current Law
		(see also § 8 above)
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

Bill Section (CGS Citation)	License, Certification, or Registration	Fee Under Current Law
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
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)