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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 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 2024 supplement to  
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

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 (e),  
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10 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  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 *2024*):

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17 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  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 *2024*):

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 Section 20-305 of the general statutes is repealed and the  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, 2024*):

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 *2024*):

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 *2024*):

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 2024 supplement to the  
107 general statutes, as amended by section 11 of public act 23-84, is  
108 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
109 *2024*):

110 (f) All licenses issued under the provisions of this chapter shall expire  
111 biennially. At the time of application for a real estate broker's license,

112 there shall be paid to the department, for each individual applicant and  
113 for each business entity, the sum of [one thousand one hundred thirty]  
114 two hundred dollars, and for the biennial renewal thereof, the sum of  
115 [seven hundred fifty] two 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 department [five hundred seventy] two  
120 hundred dollars and for the biennial renewal thereof the sum of [five  
121 hundred seventy] two hundred dollars. Six dollars of each such biennial  
122 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 business entity shall entitle the designated broker, upon  
125 compliance with the terms of this chapter, but without the payment of  
126 any further fee, to perform all of the acts of a real estate broker under  
127 this chapter on behalf of such business entity. Any license which expires  
128 and is not renewed on or before the ninetieth day following the  
129 expiration date of such license may be reinstated by the commission or  
130 department, in the commission's or department's discretion, provided  
131 such license has expired for less than three years and the former licensee  
132 (1) attests that such former licensee did not work in this state in the  
133 occupation or profession in which such former licensee was licensed  
134 while such former licensee's license was lapsed, (2) pays the renewal fee  
135 due for such license for the year in which such license is reinstated, and  
136 (3) completes any continuing education required for such license for the  
137 year preceding such reinstatement. If an applicant for reinstatement  
138 worked in this state in the occupation or profession in which such  
139 applicant was formerly licensed while such license was lapsed, the  
140 applicant shall pay all license and late fees due and owing for the lapse  
141 period and demonstrate that such applicant has completed all  
142 continuing education required for such license for the year preceding  
143 such reinstatement. Such late fees shall be assessed for each real estate  
144 broker's license in the amount of [three hundred seventy-five] one  
145 hundred dollars and for each real estate salesperson's license in the  
146 amount of [two hundred eighty-five] one hundred dollars for each year

147 or fraction thereof from the date of expiration of the previous license to  
148 the date of payment for reinstatement. If a license has lapsed for at least  
149 three years, the former licensee is ineligible for reinstatement under this  
150 subsection and may apply for a new license. Notwithstanding any  
151 contrary provision of this subsection, a former licensee whose license  
152 expired after such former licensee entered military service shall be  
153 reinstated without payment of any fee if an application for  
154 reinstatement is filed with the commission or department before the  
155 third anniversary of such expiration date, and the former licensee  
156 provides evidence that is sufficient to demonstrate to the commission or  
157 department that such former licensee completed at least six hours of  
158 continuing education for such license, including, but not limited to, the  
159 mandatory continuing education required for such license, during the  
160 calendar year preceding the date on which such application for  
161 reinstatement is filed. Any such reinstated broker's license shall expire  
162 on the next succeeding November thirtieth. Any such reinstated real  
163 estate salesperson's license shall expire on the next succeeding May  
164 thirty-first.

165 Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 20-333 of the general statutes is  
166 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
167 *2024*):

168 (a) To obtain a license under this chapter, an applicant shall have  
169 attained such applicant's eighteenth birthday and shall furnish such  
170 evidence of competency as the appropriate board or the Commissioner  
171 of Consumer Protection shall require. A recommendation for review  
172 issued pursuant to section 31-22u shall be sufficient to demonstrate such  
173 competency. The applicant shall satisfy such board or the commissioner  
174 that such applicant possesses a diploma or other evidence of graduation  
175 from the eighth grade of grammar school, or possesses an equivalent  
176 education to be determined on examination and has the requisite skill  
177 to perform the work in the trade for which such applicant is applying  
178 for a license and can comply with all other requirements of this chapter  
179 and the regulations adopted under this chapter. A recommendation for  
180 review issued pursuant to section 31-22u shall be sufficient to

181 demonstrate that an applicant possesses such requisite skill and can  
182 comply with all other requirements of this chapter and the regulations  
183 adopted under this chapter. For any application submitted pursuant to  
184 this section that requires a hearing or other action by the applicable  
185 examining board or the commissioner, such hearing or other action by  
186 the applicable examining board or the commissioner shall occur not  
187 later than thirty days after the date of submission for such application.  
188 Upon application for any such license, the applicant shall pay to the  
189 department a nonrefundable application fee of ninety dollars for a  
190 license under subdivisions (2) and (3) of subsection (a) and subdivision  
191 (4) of subsection (e) of section 20-334a, or a nonrefundable application  
192 fee of [one hundred fifty] one hundred dollars for a license under  
193 subdivision (1) of subsection (a), subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection  
194 (b), subdivision (1) of subsection (c) and subdivisions (1), (2) and (3) of  
195 subsection (e) of section 20-334a. Any such application fee shall be  
196 waived for persons who present a recommendation for review issued  
197 pursuant to section 31-22u.

198 Sec. 9. Section 20-335 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
199 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

200 Any person who has successfully completed an examination for such  
201 person's initial license under this chapter shall pay to the Department of  
202 Consumer Protection a fee of [one hundred fifty] one hundred dollars  
203 for [a contractor's license or a fee of one hundred twenty dollars for any  
204 other] such license. Any such initial license fee shall be waived for  
205 persons who present a recommendation for review issued pursuant to  
206 section 31-22u. All such licenses shall expire annually. No person shall  
207 carry on or engage in the work or occupations subject to this chapter  
208 after the expiration of such person's license until such person has filed  
209 an application bearing the date of such person's registration card with  
210 the appropriate board. Such application shall be in writing, addressed  
211 to the secretary of the board from which such renewal is sought and  
212 signed by the person applying for such renewal. A licensee applying for  
213 renewal shall, at such times as the commissioner shall by regulation  
214 prescribe, furnish evidence satisfactory to the board that the licensee has

215 completed any continuing professional education required under  
216 sections 20-330 to 20-341, inclusive, or any regulations adopted  
217 thereunder. The board may renew such license if the application for  
218 such renewal is received by the board no later than one month after the  
219 date of expiration of such license, upon payment to the department of a  
220 renewal fee of [one hundred fifty] one hundred dollars, [in the case of a  
221 contractor and of one hundred twenty dollars for any other such  
222 license.] For any completed renewal application submitted pursuant to  
223 this section that requires a hearing or other action by the applicable  
224 examining board, such hearing or other action by the applicable  
225 examining board shall occur not later than thirty days after the date of  
226 submission for such completed renewal application. The department  
227 shall issue a receipt stating the fact of such payment, which receipt shall  
228 be a license to engage in such work or occupation. A licensee who has  
229 failed to renew such licensee's license for a period of over two years  
230 from the date of expiration of such license shall have it reinstated only  
231 upon complying with the requirements of section 20-333, as amended  
232 by this act. All license fees and renewal fees paid to the department  
233 pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the General Fund.

234 Sec. 10. Subsection (h) of section 20-340d of the general statutes is  
235 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
236 *2024*):

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

241 Sec. 11. Subsection (b) of section 20-340f of the general statutes is  
242 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
243 *2024*):

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



248 Sec. 12. Subsection (b) of section 20-341u of the general statutes is  
249 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
250 *2024*):

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

253 Sec. 13. Subsection (d) of section 20-341y of the general statutes is  
254 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
255 *2024*):

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

258 Sec. 14. Subsection (c) of section 20-349 of the general statutes is  
259 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
260 *2024*):

261 (c) Any person desiring to be licensed under this chapter shall apply  
262 to the board in writing, on forms which the Department of Consumer  
263 Protection shall provide, stating: (1) Such person's name, residence  
264 address and business address; (2) a brief description of his  
265 qualifications, including the length and nature of his experience; (3) in  
266 the case of an apprentice, the name of his employer or supervisor; and  
267 (4) such other information as the department may require. Each  
268 application for a license as a service dealer shall be accompanied by a  
269 fee of [two hundred] one hundred dollars. Each application for a license  
270 as a licensed electronics technician, licensed antenna technician or  
271 licensed radio electronics technician shall be accompanied by a fee of  
272 eighty dollars. Each application for a permit as an apprentice shall be  
273 accompanied by a fee of forty dollars. If a service dealer as an individual  
274 is a licensed electronics technician or licensed radio electronics  
275 technician, only one license fee shall be charged in the amount of [two  
276 hundred] one hundred dollars. All such fees shall be paid to the  
277 department.

278 Sec. 15. Subsection (d) of section 20-357m of the general statutes is

279 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
280 *2024*):

281 (d) The commissioner shall issue a telecommunications infrastructure  
282 layout technician license to any individual who: (1) Completes a college  
283 level program or other program of instruction approved by the  
284 Department of Consumer Protection that assures industry standards in  
285 telecommunications infrastructure design; (2) submits an application  
286 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section deemed acceptable by the  
287 Commissioner of Consumer Protection; and (3) at the time of  
288 application, has held for not less than five years and continues to hold a  
289 valid unlimited or limited electrical license issued under the Electrical  
290 Work Board or a public service technician certificate of registration  
291 issued pursuant to section 20-340b, or has other equivalent experience  
292 and training as required for an electrical license, as determined by the  
293 commissioner. A license issued pursuant to this subsection is  
294 nontransferable. The fee for a telecommunications infrastructure layout  
295 technician license is [~~three hundred fifteen~~] two hundred dollars. Such  
296 license shall be renewed biennially and the renewal fee is [~~three~~  
297 ~~hundred fifteen~~] two hundred dollars.

298 Sec. 16. Subsection (b) of section 20-369a of the general statutes is  
299 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
300 *2024*):

301 (b) A qualifying corporation or limited liability company desiring a  
302 certificate of registration shall file with the board an application upon a  
303 form prescribed by the Department of Consumer Protection,  
304 accompanied by an application fee of eighty dollars. Each such  
305 certificate shall expire annually and shall be renewable upon payment  
306 of a fee of [~~two hundred~~] one hundred dollars. If all requirements of this  
307 chapter are met, the board shall authorize the department to issue to  
308 such corporation or limited liability company a certificate of registration  
309 within thirty days after such application, provided the board may refuse  
310 to authorize the issuance of a certificate if any facts exist which would  
311 entitle the board to suspend or revoke an existing certificate of

312 registration.

313 Sec. 17. Subsection (a) of section 20-374 of the general statutes is  
314 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
315 *2024*):

316 (a) Every licensed landscape architect shall pay an annual license fee  
317 to the department. A holder of a valid license who is not engaging in the  
318 active practice of the holder's profession in this state and does not desire  
319 to register may allow the license to lapse by notifying the board of the  
320 holder's intention not to renew the license. After a license has been  
321 allowed to lapse or has been suspended, it may be reinstated upon  
322 payment of a reinstatement fee and such proof of the landscape  
323 architect's qualifications as may be required in the sound discretion of  
324 the board. The department shall issue a receipt to each landscape  
325 architect promptly upon the payment of the annual fee for a license. The  
326 amount of fees prescribed by this chapter is that fixed by the following  
327 schedule: (1) The application fee for examination shall be a  
328 nonrefundable fee of eighty dollars; (2) the fee for an initial license shall  
329 be [two hundred eighty] one hundred dollars; (3) the fee for a duplicate  
330 license shall be fifteen dollars; (4) the annual license fee shall be the  
331 professional services fee for [class E] class B, as defined in section 33-  
332 182l; (5) the reinstatement fee for a suspended license shall be two  
333 hundred fifty dollars; and (6) the reinstatement fee for a lapsed license  
334 shall be one hundred eighty dollars.

335 Sec. 18. Subsection (b) of section 20-377m of the general statutes is  
336 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
337 *2024*):

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

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

344 2024):

345 (e) A registered interior designer may apply for renewal of a  
346 certificate of registration. The fee for renewal of such certificate of  
347 registration shall be [one hundred ninety] one hundred dollars,  
348 provided any architect licensed in this state shall not be required to pay  
349 such fee.

350 Sec. 20. Subsections (b) to (d), inclusive, of section 20-417b of the 2024  
351 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is  
352 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

353 (b) Any person seeking a certificate of registration shall apply to the  
354 commissioner, online, on a form provided by the commissioner. The  
355 application shall include (1) the applicant's name, business street  
356 address and business telephone number, (2) the identity of the insurer  
357 that provides the applicant with insurance coverage for liability, (3) if  
358 such applicant is required by any provision of the general statutes to  
359 have workers' compensation coverage, the identity of the insurer that  
360 provides the applicant with such workers' compensation coverage, (4)  
361 if such applicant is required by any provision of the general statutes to  
362 have an agent for service of process, the name and address of such agent,  
363 and (5) proof of general liability insurance coverage in an amount not  
364 less than twenty thousand dollars, demonstrated by providing the  
365 policy number and business name of the insurance provider. Each such  
366 application shall be accompanied by a fee of [one hundred twenty] one  
367 hundred dollars, except that no such application fee shall be required if  
368 such person has paid the registration fee required under section 20-421,  
369 as amended by this act, during any year in which such person's  
370 registration as a new home construction contractor would be valid.

371 (c) Certificates issued to new home construction contractors shall not  
372 be transferable or assignable, except when the holder of a certificate,  
373 who is engaged in the business, changes the name or form of such  
374 business.

375 (d) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) or (3) of this subsection,

376 all certificates issued under the provisions of sections 20-417a to 20-417k,  
377 inclusive, shall expire annually on the thirty-first day of March, and the  
378 fee charged for renewal of such a certificate shall be the same as the fee  
379 charged for the original application for such certificate.

380 (2) No renewal fee is due if a person seeking renewal of a certificate  
381 has paid the registration fee under section 20-427 during any year in  
382 which such person's registration as a new home construction contractor  
383 would be valid.

384 (3) A new home construction contractor that holds a certificate of  
385 registration issued in accordance with sections 20-417a to 20-417k,  
386 inclusive, that expires on September 30, 2023, shall renew such  
387 certificate of registration on or before the renewal date established for  
388 the eighteen-month period beginning October 1, 2023, and ending  
389 March 31, 2025, and shall pay (A) a prorated renewal fee in the amount  
390 of (i) one hundred eighty dollars [,] if such renewal date falls within the  
391 period beginning October 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, or (ii) one  
392 hundred fifty dollars if such renewal date falls within the period  
393 beginning July 1, 2024, and ending March 31, 2025, (B) a prorated fee  
394 due under subsection (b) of section 20-417i in the amount of three  
395 hundred sixty dollars, and (C) a prorated fee due under subsection (b)  
396 of section 20-432 in the amount of one hundred fifty dollars if such new  
397 home construction contractor has opted to engage in home  
398 improvement under subsection (f) of this section.

399 Sec. 21. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 20-421 of the 2024  
400 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is  
401 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

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

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

411 Sec. 22. Subsection (d) of section 20-457 of the general statutes is  
412 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
413 *2024*):

414 (d) All certificates issued to community association managers under  
415 the provisions of sections 20-450 to 20-462, inclusive, shall expire  
416 annually on the thirty-first day of January. A holder of a certificate of  
417 registration who seeks to renew his or her certificate shall, when filing  
418 an application for renewal of the certificate, submit documentation to  
419 the department which establishes that he or she has passed any  
420 examination and completed any educational coursework, as the case  
421 may be, required for certification under this chapter. The fee for renewal  
422 of a certificate shall be [two hundred] one hundred dollars.

423 Sec. 23. Subsection (c) of section 20-492a of the general statutes is  
424 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
425 *2024*):

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

430 Sec. 24. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 20-511 of the general statutes  
431 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
432 *1, 2024*):

433 (a) In order to obtain an appraiser certification or a provisional  
434 license, each person who has met, to the satisfaction of the commission,  
435 the minimum requirements established by the commission for such  
436 certification or provisional license shall pay to the commission, in  
437 addition to the application fee described in subsection (c) of section 20-  
438 509, an initial fee of [ : Three hundred seventy-five dollars in the case of  
439 certified appraisers and one hundred dollars in the case of provisional

440 licensees] one hundred dollars.

441 (b) All certifications and provisional licenses issued under the  
442 provisions of sections 20-500 to 20-528, inclusive, shall expire annually  
443 and be subject to renewal. The renewal fee for certifications and  
444 provisional licenses, to be paid to the commission, shall be [Two  
445 hundred eighty-five dollars in the case of certified appraisers and one  
446 hundred dollars in the case of provisional licensees] one hundred  
447 dollars.

448 Sec. 25. Section 20-601 of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes  
449 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
450 *1, 2024*):

451 The department shall collect the following nonrefundable fees:

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

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

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

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

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

467 (6) The fee for notice of a change in officers or directors of a  
468 corporation holding a pharmacy license is sixty dollars for each

469 pharmacy license held. A late fee for failing to give such notice within  
470 ten days of the change is fifty dollars in addition to the fee for notice.

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

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

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

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

481 (11) The late fee for failing to notify the commission of a change of  
482 ownership, name or location of the premises of a permit to sell  
483 nonlegend drugs within five days of the change is twenty dollars.

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

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

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

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

497 (16) The fee for application for registration as a pharmacy technician

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498 is one hundred dollars.

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

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

503 Sec. 26. Section 20-601 of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes,  
504 as amended by section 259 of public act 23-204, is repealed and the  
505 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

506 The department shall collect the following nonrefundable fees:

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

509 (2) The fee for renewal of a pharmacist license is [one hundred five]  
510 one hundred dollars. Before the commission grants a license to an  
511 applicant who has not held a license authorized by the commission  
512 within five years of the date of application, the applicant shall pay the  
513 fee required in subdivision (1) of this section. On or before the last day  
514 of January, April, July and October in each year, the commissioner shall  
515 transfer five dollars of each renewal fee collected pursuant to this  
516 subdivision to the pharmacy professional assistance program account  
517 established in section 20-638c.

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

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

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

525 (6) The fee for notice of a change in officers or directors of a  
526 corporation holding a pharmacy license is sixty dollars for each

527 pharmacy license held. A late fee for failing to give such notice within  
528 ten days of the change is fifty dollars in addition to the fee for notice.

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

533 (8) The fee for application for registration as a pharmacy intern is  
534 sixty-five dollars. On or before the last day of January, April, July and  
535 October in each year, the commissioner shall transfer five dollars of each  
536 fee collected pursuant to this subdivision to the pharmacy professional  
537 assistance program account established in section 20-638c.

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

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

542 (11) The late fee for failing to notify the commission of a change of  
543 ownership, name or location of the premises of a permit to sell  
544 nonlegend drugs within five days of the change is twenty dollars.

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

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

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

554 (15) The fee for filing notice of a change in name, ownership or  
555 management of a nonresident pharmacy is ninety dollars. A late fee for

556 failing to give such notice within ten days of the change is fifty dollars,  
557 in addition to the fee for notice.

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

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

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

564 Sec. 27. Subsection (b) of section 21a-190e of the general statutes is  
565 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
566 *2024*):

567 (b) A fund-raising counsel who at any time has custody or control of  
568 contributions from a solicitation shall register with the department.  
569 Applications for registration or renewal of a registration as a fund-  
570 raising counsel shall be in a form prescribed by the commissioner and  
571 shall be accompanied by a fee in the amount of [one hundred twenty]  
572 one hundred dollars. Each fund-raising counsel shall certify that such  
573 application or report is true and correct to the best of the fund-raising  
574 counsel's knowledge. Each application shall contain such information as  
575 the department shall require. Each registration shall be valid for one  
576 year and may be renewed for additional one-year periods. An applicant  
577 for registration or for a renewal of registration as a fund-raising counsel  
578 shall, at the time of making such application, file with and have  
579 approved by the department a bond in a form prescribed by the  
580 commissioner, in which the applicant shall be the principal obligor in  
581 the sum of twenty thousand dollars, with one or more responsible  
582 sureties whose liability in the aggregate as such sureties shall be no less  
583 than such sum. The fund-raising counsel shall maintain the bond in  
584 effect as long as the registration is in effect. The bond shall run to the  
585 state and to any person who may have a cause of action against the  
586 principal obligor of the bond for any liabilities resulting from the  
587 obligor's conduct of any activities subject to sections 21a-190a to 21a-

588 190l, inclusive, or arising out of a violation of said sections or any  
589 regulation adopted pursuant to said sections. Any such fund-raising  
590 counsel shall account to the charitable organization with which he has  
591 contracted for all income received and expenses paid no later than  
592 ninety days after a solicitation campaign has been completed, and in the  
593 case of a solicitation campaign lasting more than one year, on the  
594 anniversary of the commencement of such campaign. Such accounting  
595 shall be in writing, shall be retained by the charitable organization for  
596 three years and shall be available to the department upon request.

597 Sec. 28. Subsection (a) of section 21a-190f of the 2024 supplement to  
598 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
599 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

600 (a) No person shall act as a paid solicitor unless such person has first  
601 registered with the department. Registration shall be in a form  
602 prescribed by the commissioner, shall be certified by the paid solicitor  
603 as true and correct to the best of the solicitor's knowledge and shall be  
604 accompanied by a fee in the amount of [five hundred] one hundred  
605 dollars. The application shall contain such information as the  
606 department shall require. Each registration shall be valid for one year  
607 and may be renewed for additional one-year periods.

608 Sec. 29. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Except as provided in  
609 subsection (b) of this section and not later than July 1, 2025, the  
610 Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall adopt any regulations, in  
611 accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, necessary to ensure  
612 that any individual who is licensed, certified or permitted by, or  
613 registered with, or who seeks a license, certification, permit or  
614 registration from, the commissioner or the Department of Consumer  
615 Protection is not charged a licensing, certification, permit or registration  
616 fee in an amount that is greater than one hundred dollars per license,  
617 certification, permit or registration year.

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	20-281c(a)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	20-281d(g)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	20-292(a)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	20-305
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	20-306(a)
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	20-308(a)
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	20-314(f)
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	20-333(a)
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	20-335
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	20-340d(h)
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	20-340f(b)
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	20-341u(b)
Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	20-341y(d)
Sec. 14	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	20-349(c)
Sec. 15	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	20-357m(d)
Sec. 16	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	20-369a(b)
Sec. 17	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	20-374(a)
Sec. 18	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	20-377m(b)
Sec. 19	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	20-377s(e)
Sec. 20	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	20-417b(b) to (d)
Sec. 21	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	20-421(b) and (c)
Sec. 22	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	20-457(d)
Sec. 23	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	20-492a(c)
Sec. 24	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	20-511(a) and (b)
Sec. 25	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	20-601
Sec. 26	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	20-601
Sec. 27	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	21a-190e(b)
Sec. 28	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	21a-190f(a)
Sec. 29	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**GL**      *Joint Favorable*

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 25 \$	FY 26 \$
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Revenue Loss	16 million	16 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 \$16 million per year. The bill affects over 60 types of licenses, certifications, permits, and registrations for which DCP received almost 120,000 application and renewal requests in FY 23. These fees currently range from \$60 to \$1,100, the bill limits the fees to \$100 or \$200.

**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.

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**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 real estate brokers and salespersons (§ 7), 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). Additionally, it reduces the renewal fee for certain new home construction contractors that are subject to a one-time 18-month renewal (§ 20).

The bill requires the DCP commissioner to adopt regulations by July 1, 2025, to ensure that the fee for a license, permit, certification, or registration issued by the department to an individual does not exceed \$100 annually (§ 29). However, the bill excludes from this fee cap credentials issued under the Liquor Control Act (i.e., Title 30 of the General Statutes). (Presumably, the \$100 cap does not apply to related fees, such as guaranty fund contributions and exam fees.)

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024, except the provision requiring the commissioner to adopt regulations is effective upon passage, and a conforming change is effective July 1, 2025 (§ 26).

**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	\$1,130 biennial initial license fee \$750 biennial renewal fee \$375 fee for reinstated license, due for each year or fraction thereof since it lapsed
7 (20-314)	Real estate salespersons	\$570 biennial license fee, whether initial or renewal



<b>Bill Section (CGS Citation)</b>	<b>License, Certification, or Registration</b>	<b>Fee Under Current Law</b>
		\$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)
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

<b>Bill Section (CGS Citation)</b>	<b>License, Certification, or Registration</b>	<b>Fee Under Current Law</b>
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 (see below for additional changes)
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 & 26 (20-601)	Pharmacist license or temporary permit to practice pharmacy	\$200 initial license fee  \$105 renewal fee (under current law, the renewal fee is \$100 until July 1, 2025, when it increases to \$105)
27	Fund-raising counsel	\$120 license fee, whether initial or renewal
28	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

## § 20 — NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS

By law, new home construction contractor registrations are valid for one year and expire annually on March 31, except that certain contractors that previously had a two-year registration that expired on September 30, 2023, are subject to a one-time 18-month renewal expiring March 31, 2025. Current law sets a \$180 fee for contractors subject to this 18-month renewal. The bill decreases this fee to \$150 for contractors whose renewal date is between July 1, 2024, and March 31, 2025. (It is unclear whether any of these contractors have a renewal date in this

time period.)

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 22 Nay 0 (03/07/2024)