



**Substitute Senate Bill No. 199**

**Public Act No. 24-54**

**AN ACT REQUIRING ONLINE PREVENTION EDUCATION FOR ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEM DEALER REGISTRATION.**

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

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Beginning not later than October 1, 2024, the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall administer an online prevention education program for at least one authorized owner or named designee of each applicant for a dealer registration, or a renewal of a dealer registration, under section 21a-415 of the general statutes, as amended by this act. For the purposes of this section, "authorized owner" and "dealer registration" have the same meanings as provided in section 21a-415 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 21a-415 of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

(c) (1) Any applicant for a dealer registration or a renewal of a dealer registration shall apply to the Department of Consumer Protection, [upon forms to be furnished by the department, showing] in a form and manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection,

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which application shall include, at a minimum, the name, address and electronic mail address of the applicant, [and] the location of the business entity that is to be operated under such dealer registration, the name of an authorized owner and such authorized owner's contact information, the name of a manager or supervisor who is or will be physically present at the applicant's location or proposed location, and a certification that an authorized owner or named designee of the applicant has successfully completed the online prevention education program administered by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services pursuant to section 1 of this act. The [department may] Department of Consumer Protection: (A) May require that an applicant submit documents sufficient to establish that state and local building, fire and zoning requirements will be met at the location of any sale; [The department] (B) may, in [its] the department's discretion, conduct an investigation to determine whether a dealer registration shall be issued to an applicant; and (C) shall not issue a dealer registration or a renewal of a dealer registration to an applicant unless the applicant certifies that an authorized owner or named designee of the applicant has successfully completed the online prevention education program administered by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services pursuant to section 1 of this act.

(2) The commissioner shall issue a dealer registration to any such applicant not later than thirty days after the date of application unless the commissioner finds: (A) The applicant has wilfully made a materially false statement in such application or in any other application made to the commissioner; [or] (B) the applicant has neglected to pay any taxes due to this state; or (C) the authorized owner or named designee of the applicant has not successfully completed the online prevention education program administered by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services pursuant to section 1 of this act.

(3) A dealer registration issued under this section shall be renewed

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annually and may be suspended or revoked at the discretion of the Department of Consumer Protection. Any applicant or business entity aggrieved by a denial of an application, refusal to renew a dealer registration or suspension or revocation of a dealer registration may appeal in the manner prescribed for permits under section 30-55. A dealer registration shall not constitute property, nor shall it be subject to attachment and execution, nor shall it be alienable.

(4) The applicant shall pay to the department a nonrefundable application fee of seventy-five dollars, which fee shall be in addition to the annual fee prescribed in subsection (d) of this section. An application fee shall not be charged for an application to renew a dealer registration.

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