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

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
4 to study the application and renewal processes for, and the cost of,
5 occupational, professional and trade licenses administered by state
6 agencies. Such study shall include, but need not be limited to, an
7 examination of how other states administer occupational, professional
8 and trade licenses, how to reduce duplication in occupational,
9 professional and trade licensing, how to reduce the cost of occupational,
10 professional and trade licensing and the economic benefits of improving
11 the state's occupational, professional and trade licensing system. The

12 task force shall make recommendations to make Connecticut more
13 competitive with other states in the region with respect to occupational
14 licensing.

15 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

16 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
17 who shall be a representative of an industry association;

18 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who
19 shall be a representative of a trade;

20 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
21 Representatives, who shall be a representative of a member of an
22 industry association;

23 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be
24 a representative of a private nonprofit economic development
25 organization that drives job creation and new capital investment in
26 Connecticut through business attraction, retention and expansion in
27 close cooperation with state, regional and local partners;

28 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
29 Representatives, who shall be a representative of a labor union;

30 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be
31 a representative of an organization that conducts research on
32 occupational licensing reform;

33 (7) The House chairperson of the joint standing committee of the
34 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to consumer
35 protection, or the House chairperson's designee;

36 (8) The Senate chairperson of the joint standing committee of the
37 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to consumer
38 protection, or the Senate chairperson's designee;

39 (9) The House ranking member of the joint standing committee of the

40 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to consumer
41 protection, or the House ranking member's designee;

42 (10) The Senate ranking member of the joint standing committee of
43 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
44 consumer protection, or the Senate ranking member's designee;

45 (11) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, or the
46 commissioner's designee;

47 (12) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
48 designee;

49 (13) The Commissioner of Administrative Services, or the
50 commissioner's designee;

51 (14) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or
52 the commissioner's designee; and

53 (15) The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee.

54 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (7),
55 (8), (9) or (10) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the
56 General Assembly.

57 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later
58 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall
59 be filled by the appointing authority.

60 (e) The members of the task force appointed pursuant to subdivisions
61 (1) and (2) of subsection (b) of this section shall serve as the chairpersons
62 of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of
63 the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty days after the
64 effective date of this section.

65 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
66 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to consumer
67 protection shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

68 (g) Not later than January 1, 2025, the task force shall submit a report
69 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
70 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
71 consumer protection, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
72 of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
73 submits such report or January 1, 2025, whichever is later."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section