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Introduced by:
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AN ACT ELIMINATING A SKILLED-TRADE LICENSING EXEMPTION FOR FEDERAL, STATE AND MUNICIPAL AGENCY EMPLOYEES.

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

1 Section 1. Section 20-340 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

3 The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to: (1) [Persons
4 employed by any federal, state or municipal agency; (2) employees]
5 Employees of any public service company regulated by the Public
6 Utilities Regulatory Authority or of any corporate affiliate of any such
7 company when the work performed by such affiliate is on behalf of a
8 public service company, but in either case only if the work performed is
9 in connection with the rendition of public utility service, including the
10 installation or maintenance of wire for community antenna television
11 service, or is in connection with the installation or maintenance of wire
12 or telephone sets for single-line telephone service located inside the
13 premises of a consumer; [(3)] (2) employees of any municipal
14 corporation specially chartered by this state; [(4)] (3) employees of any
15 contractor while such contractor is performing electrical-line or
16 emergency work for any public service company; [(5)] (4) persons

17 engaged in the installation, maintenance, repair and service of electrical
18 or other appliances of a size customarily used for domestic use where
19 such installation commences at an outlet receptacle or connection
20 previously installed by persons licensed to do the same and
21 maintenance, repair and service is confined to the appliance itself and
22 its internal operation; [(6)] (5) employees of industrial firms whose main
23 duties concern the maintenance of the electrical work, plumbing and
24 piping work, solar thermal work, heating, piping, cooling work, sheet
25 metal work, elevator installation, repair and maintenance work,
26 automotive glass work or flat glass work of such firm on its own
27 premises or on premises leased by it for its own use; [(7)] (6) employees
28 of industrial firms when such employees' main duties concern the
29 fabrication of glass products or electrical, plumbing and piping, fire
30 protection sprinkler systems, solar, heating, piping, cooling, chemical
31 piping, sheet metal or elevator installation, repair and maintenance
32 equipment used in the production of goods sold by industrial firms,
33 except for products, electrical, plumbing and piping systems and repair
34 and maintenance equipment used directly in the production of a
35 product for human consumption; [(8)] (7) persons performing work
36 necessary to the manufacture or repair of any apparatus, appliances,
37 fixtures, equipment or devices produced by it for sale or lease; [(9)] (8)
38 employees of stage and theatrical companies performing the operation,
39 installation and maintenance of electrical equipment if such installation
40 commences at an outlet receptacle or connection previously installed by
41 persons licensed to make such installation; [(10)] (9) employees of
42 carnivals, circuses or similar transient amusement shows who install
43 electrical work, provided such installation shall be subject to the
44 approval of the State Fire Marshal prior to use as otherwise provided by
45 law and shall comply with applicable municipal ordinances and
46 regulations; [(11)] (10) persons engaged in the installation, maintenance,
47 repair and service of glass or electrical, plumbing, fire protection
48 sprinkler systems, solar, heating, piping, cooling and sheet metal
49 equipment in and about single-family residences owned and occupied
50 or to be occupied by such persons; provided any such installation,

51 maintenance and repair shall be subject to inspection and approval by
52 the building official of the municipality in which such residence is
53 located and shall conform to the requirements of the State Building
54 Code; [(12)] (11) persons who install, maintain or repair glass in a motor
55 vehicle owned or leased by such persons; [(13)] (12) persons or entities
56 holding themselves out to be retail sellers of glass products, but not such
57 persons or entities that also engage in automotive glass work or flat
58 glass work; [(14)] (13) persons who install preglazed or preassembled
59 windows or doors in residential or commercial buildings; [(15)] (14)
60 persons registered under chapter 400 who install safety-backed mirror
61 products or repair or replace flat glass in sizes not greater than thirty
62 square feet in residential buildings; [(16)] (15) sheet metal work
63 performed in residential buildings consisting of six units or less by new
64 home construction contractors registered pursuant to chapter 399a, by
65 home improvement contractors registered pursuant to chapter 400 or by
66 persons licensed pursuant to this chapter, when such work is limited to
67 exhaust systems installed for hoods and fans in kitchens and baths,
68 clothes dryer exhaust systems, radon vent systems, fireplaces, fireplace
69 flues, masonry chimneys or prefabricated metal chimneys rated by
70 Underwriters Laboratories or installation of stand-alone appliances
71 including wood, pellet or other stand-alone stoves that are installed in
72 residential buildings by such contractors or persons; [(17)] (16)
73 employees of or any contractor employed by and under the direction of
74 a properly licensed solar contractor, performing work limited to the
75 hoisting, placement and anchoring of solar collectors, photovoltaic
76 panels, towers or turbines; [(18)] (17) persons performing swimming
77 pool maintenance and repair work authorized pursuant to section 20-
78 417aa; and [(19)] (18) any employee of the Connecticut Airport
79 Authority covered by a state collective bargaining agreement.

80 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 20-340a of the general statutes is
81 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
82 *2025*):

83 (b) The Department of Consumer Protection shall also furnish an

84 appropriate license, as provided in said section 20-334a, to any person
 85 who (1) is an employee of any corporation which on January 1, 1984,
 86 was a corporate affiliate of a telephone company, as so defined, and
 87 which, on or before October 1, 1986, terminates such corporate
 88 affiliation, (2) has been exempt from the provisions of this chapter
 89 pursuant to the provisions of subdivision [(2)] (1) of section 20-340, as
 90 amended by this act, as a result of being employed by such a corporation
 91 at the time of such affiliation, (3) becomes subject to the provisions of
 92 this chapter as a result of the termination of such affiliation, and (4)
 93 applies for any such license in accordance with the provisions of this
 94 chapter not later than July 18, 1988, provided any such employee shall
 95 not be required to pass any examination in order to qualify for any such
 96 license.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | July 1, 2025 | 20-340 |
| Sec. 2 | July 1, 2025 | 20-340a(b) |

Statement of Purpose:

To eliminate a provision exempting federal, state and municipal agency employees from certain licensing requirements concerning skilled tradespersons.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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