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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 general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
3 *2025*):

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10 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  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 *2025*):

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17 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  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 *2025*):

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 Section 20-305 of the general statutes is repealed and the  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, 2025*):

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 *2025*):

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 *2025*):

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 *2025*):

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

112 for each business entity, the sum of [one thousand one hundred thirty]  
113 two hundred dollars, and for the biennial renewal thereof, the sum of  
114 [seven hundred fifty] two hundred dollars. [, except that for licenses  
115 expiring on March 31, 2022, a prorated renewal fee shall be charged to  
116 reflect the fact that the March 2022, renewal shall expire on November  
117 30, 2023.] At the time of application for a real estate salesperson's license,  
118 there shall be paid to the department [five hundred seventy] two  
119 hundred dollars and for the biennial renewal thereof the sum of [five  
120 hundred seventy] two hundred dollars. Six dollars of each such biennial  
121 renewal fee shall be payable to the Real Estate Guaranty Fund  
122 established pursuant to section 20-324a. A real estate broker's license  
123 issued to any business entity shall entitle the designated broker, upon  
124 compliance with the terms of this chapter, but without the payment of  
125 any further fee, to perform all of the acts of a real estate broker under  
126 this chapter on behalf of such business entity. Any license which expires  
127 and is not renewed on or before the ninetieth day following the  
128 expiration date of such license may be reinstated by the commission or  
129 department, in the commission's or department's discretion, provided  
130 such license has expired for less than three years and the former licensee  
131 (1) attests that such former licensee did not work in this state in the  
132 occupation or profession in which such former licensee was licensed  
133 while such former licensee's license was lapsed, (2) pays the renewal fee  
134 due for such license for the year in which such license is reinstated, and  
135 (3) completes any continuing education required for such license for the  
136 year preceding such reinstatement. If an applicant for reinstatement  
137 worked in this state in the occupation or profession in which such  
138 applicant was formerly licensed while such license was lapsed, the  
139 applicant shall pay all license and late fees due and owing for the lapse  
140 period and demonstrate that such applicant has completed all  
141 continuing education required for such license for the year preceding  
142 such reinstatement. Such late fees shall be assessed for each real estate  
143 broker's license in the amount of three hundred seventy-five dollars and  
144 for each real estate salesperson's license in the amount of two hundred  
145 eighty-five dollars for each year or fraction thereof from the date of  
146 expiration of the previous license to the date of payment for

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

163 Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 20-333 of the general statutes is  
164 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
165 *2025*):

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

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

196 Sec. 9. Section 20-335 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
197 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

198 Any person who has successfully completed an examination for such  
199 person's initial license under this chapter shall pay to the Department of  
200 Consumer Protection a fee of [one hundred fifty] one hundred dollars  
201 for [a contractor's license or a fee of one hundred twenty dollars for any  
202 other] such license. Any such initial license fee shall be waived for  
203 persons who present a recommendation for review issued pursuant to  
204 section 31-22u. All such licenses shall expire annually. No person shall  
205 carry on or engage in the work or occupations subject to this chapter  
206 after the expiration of such person's license until such person has filed  
207 an application bearing the date of such person's registration card with  
208 the appropriate board. Such application shall be in writing, addressed  
209 to the secretary of the board from which such renewal is sought and  
210 signed by the person applying for such renewal. A licensee applying for  
211 renewal shall, at such times as the commissioner shall by regulation  
212 prescribe, furnish evidence satisfactory to the board that the licensee has  
213 completed any continuing professional education required under  
214 sections 20-330 to 20-341, inclusive, or any regulations adopted

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

232 Sec. 10. Subsection (h) of section 20-340d of the general statutes is  
233 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
234 *2025*):

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

239 Sec. 11. Subsection (b) of section 20-340f of the general statutes is  
240 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
241 *2025*):

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

246 Sec. 12. Subsection (b) of section 20-341u of the general statutes is



247 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
248 2025):

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

251 Sec. 13. Subsection (d) of section 20-341y of the general statutes is  
252 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
253 2025):

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

256 Sec. 14. Subsection (c) of section 20-349 of the general statutes is  
257 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
258 2025):

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

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

278 2025):

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

296 Sec. 16. Subsection (b) of section 20-369a of the general statutes is  
297 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
298 2025):

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

311 Sec. 17. Subsection (a) of section 20-374 of the general statutes is  
312 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
313 *2025*):

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

333 Sec. 18. Subsection (b) of section 20-377m of the general statutes is  
334 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
335 *2025*):

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

340 Sec. 19. Subsection (e) of section 20-377s of the general statutes is  
341 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
342 *2025*):

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

348 Sec. 20. Subsections (b) to (d), inclusive, of section 20-417b of the  
349 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
350 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

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

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

373 (d) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) or (3) of this subsection,  
374 all certificates issued under the provisions of sections 20-417a to 20-417k,  
375 inclusive, shall expire annually on the thirty-first day of March, and the

376 fee charged for renewal of such a certificate shall be the same as the fee  
377 charged for the original application for such certificate.

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

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

394 Sec. 21. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 20-421 of the general statutes  
395 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
396 *1, 2025*):

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

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

406 Sec. 22. Subsection (d) of section 20-457 of the general statutes is

407 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
408 2025):

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

418 Sec. 23. Subsection (c) of section 20-492a of the general statutes is  
419 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
420 2025):

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

425 Sec. 24. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 20-511 of the general statutes  
426 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
427 *1, 2025*):

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

436 (b) All certifications and provisional licenses issued under the  
437 provisions of sections 20-500 to 20-528, inclusive, shall expire annually

438 and be subject to renewal. The renewal fee for certifications and  
439 provisional licenses, to be paid to the commission, shall be [: Two  
440 hundred eighty-five dollars in the case of certified appraisers and one  
441 hundred dollars in the case of provisional licensees] one hundred  
442 dollars.

443 Sec. 25. Section 20-601 of the general statutes, as amended by section  
444 8 of public act 24-73, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
445 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

446 The department shall collect the following nonrefundable fees:

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

449 (2) The fee for renewal of a pharmacist license is one hundred five  
450 dollars. Before the commission or commissioner grants a license to an  
451 applicant who has not held a license authorized by the commission or  
452 commissioner within five years of the date of application, the applicant  
453 shall pay the fee required in subdivision (1) of this section. On or before  
454 the last day of January, April, July and October in each year, the  
455 commissioner shall transfer five dollars of each renewal fee collected  
456 pursuant to this subdivision to the pharmacy professional assistance  
457 program account established in section 20-638c.

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

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

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

465 (6) The fee for notice of a change in officers or directors of a business  
466 entity holding a pharmacy license is sixty dollars for each pharmacy  
467 license held. A late fee for failing to give such notice within ten days of

468 the change is fifty dollars in addition to the fee for notice.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



497 in addition to the fee for notice.

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

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

502 (18) The fee for application for designation as an advanced pharmacy  
503 technician is twenty-five dollars, which fee shall be in addition to the fee  
504 required in subdivision (16) of this section.

505 (19) The fee for renewal of a designation as an advanced pharmacy  
506 technician is twenty-five dollars, which fee shall be in addition to the fee  
507 required in subdivision (17) of this section.

508 (20) The fee for issuance of a temporary permit to practice pharmacy  
509 is [two hundred] one hundred dollars.

510 (21) The fee for application for registration, and renewal of a  
511 registration, as a clerk is twenty-five dollars.

512 Sec. 26. Subsection (b) of section 21a-190e of the general statutes is  
513 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
514 *2025*):

515 (b) A fund-raising counsel who at any time has custody or control of  
516 contributions from a solicitation shall register with the department.  
517 Applications for registration or renewal of a registration as a fund-  
518 raising counsel shall be in a form prescribed by the commissioner and  
519 shall be accompanied by a fee in the amount of [one hundred twenty]  
520 one hundred dollars. Each fund-raising counsel shall certify that such  
521 application or report is true and correct to the best of the fund-raising  
522 counsel's knowledge. Each application shall contain such information as  
523 the department shall require. Each registration shall be valid for one  
524 year and may be renewed for additional one-year periods. An applicant  
525 for registration or for a renewal of registration as a fund-raising counsel  
526 shall, at the time of making such application, file with and have

527 approved by the department a bond in a form prescribed by the  
528 commissioner, in which the applicant shall be the principal obligor in  
529 the sum of twenty thousand dollars, with one or more responsible  
530 sureties whose liability in the aggregate as such sureties shall be no less  
531 than such sum. The fund-raising counsel shall maintain the bond in  
532 effect as long as the registration is in effect. The bond shall run to the  
533 state and to any person who may have a cause of action against the  
534 principal obligor of the bond for any liabilities resulting from the  
535 obligor's conduct of any activities subject to sections 21a-190a to 21a-  
536 190l, inclusive, or arising out of a violation of said sections or any  
537 regulation adopted pursuant to said sections. Any such fund-raising  
538 counsel shall account to the charitable organization with which he has  
539 contracted for all income received and expenses paid no later than  
540 ninety days after a solicitation campaign has been completed, and in the  
541 case of a solicitation campaign lasting more than one year, on the  
542 anniversary of the commencement of such campaign. Such accounting  
543 shall be in writing, shall be retained by the charitable organization for  
544 three years and shall be available to the department upon request.

545 Sec. 27. Subsection (a) of section 21a-190f of the general statutes is  
546 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
547 *2025*):

548 (a) No person shall act as a paid solicitor unless such person has first  
549 registered with the department. Registration shall be in a form  
550 prescribed by the commissioner, shall be certified by the paid solicitor  
551 as true and correct to the best of the solicitor's knowledge and shall be  
552 accompanied by a fee in the amount of [five hundred] one hundred  
553 dollars. The application shall contain such information as the  
554 department shall require. Each registration shall be valid for one year  
555 and may be renewed for additional one-year periods.

556 Sec. 28. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Except as provided in  
557 subsection (b) of this section and not later than July 1, 2026, the  
558 Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall adopt any regulations, in  
559 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes,

560 necessary to ensure that any individual who is licensed, certified or  
 561 permitted by, or registered with, or who seeks a license, certification,  
 562 permit or registration from, the commissioner or the Department of  
 563 Consumer Protection is not charged a licensing, certification, permit or  
 564 registration fee in an amount that is greater than one hundred dollars  
 565 per license, certification, permit or registration year.

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2025	20-281c(a)
Sec. 2	July 1, 2025	20-281d(g)
Sec. 3	July 1, 2025	20-292(a)
Sec. 4	July 1, 2025	20-305
Sec. 5	July 1, 2025	20-306(a)
Sec. 6	July 1, 2025	20-308(a)
Sec. 7	July 1, 2025	20-314(f)
Sec. 8	July 1, 2025	20-333(a)
Sec. 9	July 1, 2025	20-335
Sec. 10	July 1, 2025	20-340d(h)
Sec. 11	July 1, 2025	20-340f(b)
Sec. 12	July 1, 2025	20-341u(b)
Sec. 13	July 1, 2025	20-341y(d)
Sec. 14	July 1, 2025	20-349(c)
Sec. 15	July 1, 2025	20-357m(d)
Sec. 16	July 1, 2025	20-369a(b)
Sec. 17	July 1, 2025	20-374(a)
Sec. 18	July 1, 2025	20-377m(b)
Sec. 19	July 1, 2025	20-377s(e)
Sec. 20	July 1, 2025	20-417b(b) to (d)
Sec. 21	July 1, 2025	20-421(b) and (c)
Sec. 22	July 1, 2025	20-457(d)
Sec. 23	July 1, 2025	20-492a(c)
Sec. 24	July 1, 2025	20-511(a) and (b)
Sec. 25	July 1, 2025	20-601
Sec. 26	July 1, 2025	21a-190e(b)

Sec. 27	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	21a-190f(a)
Sec. 28	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**GL**      *Joint Favorable*

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## **OFA Fiscal Note**

### **State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Revenue Loss	19 million	19 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 \$19 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 24. These fees currently range from \$40 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 611*****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).

The bill requires the DCP commissioner to adopt regulations by July 1, 2026, to ensure that the fee for a license, permit, certification, or registration issued by the department 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 of the General Statutes).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025, 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><b>Bill Section (CGS Citation)</b></i>	<i><b>License, Certification, or Registration</b></i>	<i><b>Fee Under Current Law</b></i>
1 (20-281c)	Public accountant certificate (limited scope of practice)	\$150 one-time fee
2 (20-281d)	Public accountant license (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 broker	\$1,130 biennial initial license fee \$750 biennial renewal fee
7 (20-314)	Real estate salesperson	\$570 biennial 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 license application fee (see also § 9 below for initial and renewal license fees)

<b>Bill Section (CGS Citation)</b>	<b>License, Certification, or Registration</b>	<b>Fee Under Current Law</b>
9 (20-335)	Tradesperson* license	\$150 license fee for contractors, whether initial or renewal  \$120 license fee for other licensees, whether initial or renewal  (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 heating, ventilation, and air conditioning 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



<b>Bill Section (CGS Citation)</b>	<b>License, Certification, or Registration</b>	<b>Fee Under Current Law</b>
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 (20-601)	Pharmacist license or temporary permit to practice pharmacy	\$200 initial fee
26 (21a-190e)	Fund-raising counsel	\$120 license fee, whether initial or renewal
27 (21a-190f)	Paid solicitor	\$500 license fee, whether initial or renewal

\*Generally covers fields of elevator installation, repair, and maintenance; fire protection sprinkler systems; flat glass; gas hearth; heating, piping, and cooling; irrigation; plumbing and piping; residential stair lift; sheet metal; solar; and swimming pool

## COMMITTEE ACTION

### General Law Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 22    Nay 0    (03/12/2025)