

General Assembly

Committee Bill No. 6073

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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT

Introduced by: (GOS)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROCESS AND TIMELINE FOR THE REVIEW OF EXISTING REGULATIONS OF CONNECTICUT STATE AGENCIES.

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

- Section 1. Section 4-189i of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):
- 3 (a) Not later than [July 1, 2017] June 30, 2027, and not later than every 4 seven years thereafter, each [committee of cognizance, in consultation 5 with each agency that is within the cognizance of the committee, shall 6 establish the date by which each such agency shall submit a review of 7 its existing regulations and shall notify the administrator of the 8 regulation review committee of each such date and any extension 9 thereof. In establishing such date, or any extension of the date that may 10 be requested by the agency, the committee of cognizance (1) shall 11 consider the volume and complexity of such regulations and the 12 personnel and other resources of the agency that would be available to 13 undertake the review within the agency's available appropriations, and 14 (2) may establish a schedule of dates for the review of various portions 15 of such regulations upon the agreement of the committee of cognizance

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and the administrative head of the agency.

- (b) Not later than the date specified by the committee of cognizance pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, each such agency shall submit to the committee of cognizance and to the administrator of the regulation review committee] agency shall conduct a review of its existing regulations, which shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) The agency's recommendations on how it may substantially reduce the number and length of its existing regulations; (2) the agency's determination of whether each of its existing regulations (A) is obsolete, (B) has not been used within the preceding seven years, (C) is inconsistent with any provision of the general statutes, federal law or any regulation adopted under the general statutes or federal law, (D) has been the subject of written complaints, and (E) is otherwise no longer effective; and (3) the agency's recommendation, if any, regarding any extraordinary circumstances in which waivers from its existing regulations may be appropriate.
 - (b) Not later than January 1, 2028, and not later than every seven years thereafter, each agency shall submit a summary of the results of the review conducted under subsection (a) of this section to the committee having cognizance over such agency and to the administrator of the regulation review committee, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a.
 - (c) Upon receipt of an agency's review, the committee of cognizance shall schedule a public hearing, which shall be held not later than ninety days following such receipt. The committee of cognizance shall make copies of the review available to the public at least fifteen days prior to the hearing.
 - (d) Following the public hearing: (1) The committee of cognizance may request the agency to initiate the process under chapter 54 to carry out a recommendation of the agency under subsection [(b)] (a) of this section to amend or repeal an existing regulation which, in the determination of the committee of cognizance, does not require the

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- (e) If an agency fails to submit a review of its regulations to the committee of cognizance and the administrator of the regulation review committee as required by subsection (b) of this section or if the committee of cognizance determines that the agency has not conducted a satisfactory review of its regulations as required by said subsection, the committee of cognizance may: (1) Conduct a review of the existing regulations of the agency, as described in subsection [(b)] (a) of this section, (2) request the agency to initiate the process under chapter 54 to carry out a recommendation of the committee of cognizance pursuant to such review to amend or repeal an existing regulation which, in the determination of the committee of cognizance, does not require the enactment of authorizing legislation, and (3) introduce legislation to authorize the agency to amend or repeal existing regulations. If the agency fails to initiate the process to amend or repeal an existing regulation pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection, the committee of cognizance may introduce legislation requiring the agency to initiate such process.
- Sec. 2. Subdivision (3) of section 4-189h of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1, 2025):
 - (3) "Existing regulation" means a regulation that was adopted by an agency no later than one year prior to the scheduled date of review, as provided in subsection [(b)] (a) of section 4-189i, as amended by this act;

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1 2025	1_189i

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	Sec. 2	October 1, 2025	4-189h(3)	

Statement of Purpose:

To make modifications to the process for reviewing agency regulations to determine whether they are obsolete, inconsistent or ineffective and change the deadlines for such review.

[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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