

General Assembly

January Session, 2025

Substitute Bill No. 6073

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 Section 4-189i of the general statutes is repealed and the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 16 and the administrative head of the agency.

(b) Not later than the date specified by the committee of cognizancepursuant to subsection (a) of this section, each such agency shall submit

19 to the committee of cognizance and to the administrator of the 20 regulation review committee] agency shall conduct a review of its 21 existing regulations, which shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) 22 The agency's recommendations on how it may substantially reduce the 23 number and length of its existing regulations; (2) the agency's 24 determination of whether each of its existing regulations (A) is obsolete, 25 (B) has not been used within the preceding seven years, (C) is 26 inconsistent with any provision of the general statutes, federal law or 27 any regulation adopted under the general statutes or federal law, (D) has been the subject of written complaints, and (E) is otherwise no 28 29 longer effective; and (3) the agency's recommendation, if any, regarding any extraordinary circumstances in which waivers from its existing 30 31 regulations may be appropriate.

32 (b) Not later than January 1, 2028, and not later than every seven years 33 thereafter, each agency shall submit a summary of the results of the 34 review conducted under subsection (a) of this section to the committee 35 having cognizance over such agency and to the administrator of the 36 regulation review committee, in accordance with the provisions of 37 section 11-4a.

(c) Upon receipt of an agency's [review] <u>summary of its review</u>, 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] <u>summary</u> available to the
public at least fifteen days prior to the hearing.

43 (d) Following the public hearing: (1) The committee of cognizance 44 may request the agency to initiate the process under chapter 54 to carry 45 out a recommendation of the agency under subsection [(b)] (a) of this 46 section to amend or repeal an existing regulation which, in the 47 determination of the committee of cognizance, does not require the enactment of authorizing legislation, and (2) the committee of 48 49 cognizance shall consider any recommendation by the agency under 50 subsection [(b)] (a) of this section which, in the determination of the 51 committee of cognizance, would require the enactment of authorizing

52 legislation.

53 (e) If an agency fails to submit a <u>summary of the results of the</u> review 54 of its regulations to the committee of cognizance and the administrator 55 of the regulation review committee as required by subsection (b) of this 56 section or if the committee of cognizance determines that the agency has 57 not conducted a satisfactory review of its regulations as required by 58 [said] subsection (a) of this section, the committee of cognizance may: 59 (1) Conduct a review of the existing regulations of the agency, as 60 described in subsection [(b)] (a) of this section, (2) request the agency to 61 initiate the process under chapter 54 to carry out a recommendation of 62 the committee of cognizance pursuant to such review to amend or 63 repeal an existing regulation which, in the determination of the 64 committee of cognizance, does not require the enactment of authorizing 65 legislation, and (3) introduce legislation to authorize the agency to 66 amend or repeal existing regulations. If the agency fails to initiate the 67 process to amend or repeal an existing regulation pursuant to 68 subdivision (2) of this subsection, the committee of cognizance may 69 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	4-189i
Sec. 2	October 1, 2025	4-189h(3)

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Sections 1(c) and (e), references to "review" were changed to reference the summary of the review for consistency.

GOS Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO