



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 1465***

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Referred to Committee on GENERAL LAW

Introduced by:  
(GL)

***AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF CONSUMER PROTECTION TO ALLOW CERTAIN SKILLED TRADE LICENSEES TO DEVIATE FROM CERTAIN SKILLED TRADE HIRING RATIOS.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 20-332b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

3 (a) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall amend existing  
4 regulations of Connecticut state agencies adopted pursuant to section  
5 20-332 to specify the following allowable hiring ratios regarding  
6 apprentices, journeymen and contractors for the following trades:

T1	TRADE	
T2	Electrical, Plumbing, Heating, Piping and Cooling,	
T3	Sprinkler Fitter and Sheet Metal Work	
T4		
T5	Apprentices	Licenseses
T6		(Journeymen or Contractors)
T7	1	1
T8	2	2
T9	3	3

T10	4	6
T11	5	9
T12	6	12
T13	7	15
T14	8	18
T15	9	21
T16	10	24
T17		
T18	Ratio continues at 3 Journeypersons	
T19	To 1 Apprentice	

7        (b) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this  
8        section, the Commissioner of Consumer Protection may allow a licensed  
9        contractor in the electrical, plumbing, heating, piping and cooling,  
10       sprinkler fitter or sheet metal work trades to hire one or more additional  
11       apprentices even if the licensed contractor does not employ a sufficient  
12       number of licensees to satisfy the applicable allowing hiring ratio  
13       established in the regulations amended pursuant to subsection (a) of this  
14       section, provided:

15       (A) The licensed contractor submits an application to the Department  
16       of Consumer Protection, in a form and manner prescribed by the  
17       commissioner, for each such apprentice, which application shall (i)  
18       disclose the name of the licensed contractor and the name of the  
19       apprentice, (ii) demonstrate that good cause exists for the commissioner  
20       to allow the licensed contractor to hire the apprentice, and (iii) include  
21       any other information the commissioner, in the commissioner's  
22       discretion, deems relevant for the purposes of this subsection; and

23       (B) The commissioner determines, after reviewing the application  
24       submitted pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this subdivision and in the  
25       commissioner's discretion, that good cause exists for the commissioner  
26       to allow the licensed contractor to hire the apprentice.

27       (2) Not later than ten business days after a licensed contractor  
28       submits an application to the Commissioner of Consumer Protection  
29       pursuant to subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, the

30 commissioner shall (A) complete the commissioner's review of such  
 31 application, (B) determine whether good cause exists for the  
 32 commissioner to allow the licensed contractor to hire the apprentice,  
 33 and (C) send notice to the licensed contractor, in a form and manner  
 34 prescribed by the commissioner, disclosing the commissioner's  
 35 determination regarding whether good cause exists for the  
 36 commissioner to allow the licensed contractor to hire the apprentice.

37 (3) If the Commissioner of Consumer Protection does not send notice  
 38 to the licensed contractor within the ten-business-day period  
 39 established in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the licensed contractor's  
 40 application shall be deemed to have been approved by the  
 41 commissioner.

42 (4) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may, in accordance  
 43 with the provisions of chapter 54, amend any regulations adopted  
 44 pursuant to section 20-332 and amended pursuant to subsection (a) of  
 45 this section for the purposes of this subsection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2025	20-332b

**Statement of Purpose:**

To authorize the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to, for good cause shown, allow certain skilled trade licensees to deviate from the skilled trade hiring ratios applicable to such licensees.

*[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.]*