



General Assembly

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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 Section 20-332b of the general statutes is repealed and the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

GL *Joint Favorable*