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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING CERTAIN EVIDENCE AND RECORDS, FIREARM INFORMATION, SECURITY GUARDS, FIREARM TRANSFERS AND SCHOOL SECURITY GRANTS."

1 Strike sections 1 and 2 in their entirety and renumber the remaining
2 sections and internal references accordingly

3 Strike section 5 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu
4 thereof:

5 "Sec. 5. Section 29-161q of the general statutes is repealed and the
6 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

7 (a) Any security service or business may employ as many security
8 officers as such security service or business deems necessary for the
9 conduct of the business, provided such security officers are of good
10 moral character and at least eighteen years of age.

11 (b) No person hired or otherwise engaged to perform work as a
12 security officer, as defined in section 29-152u, shall perform the duties
13 of a security officer prior to being licensed as a security officer by the
14 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, except as
15 provided in subsection (h) of this section. Each applicant for a license
16 shall complete a minimum of eight hours training in the following areas:
17 Basic first aid, search and seizure laws and regulations, use of force,
18 basic criminal justice and public safety issues. If an applicant for a
19 license intends to carry a less lethal weapon while on duty as a security
20 officer, such applicant shall complete additional training on how to use
21 such less lethal weapon lawfully and in accordance with the
22 recommendations of the manufacturer of such less lethal weapon. The
23 commissioner shall waive any such training required by this subsection
24 for any person who, while serving in the armed forces or the National
25 Guard, or if such person is a veteran, within two years of such person's
26 discharge from the armed forces, presents proof that such person has
27 completed military training that is equivalent to the training required
28 by this subsection, and, if applicable, such person's military discharge
29 document or a certified copy thereof. [For the purposes of this
30 subsection, "veteran" and "armed forces" have the same meanings as
31 provided in section 27-103, and "military discharge document" has the
32 same meaning as provided in section 1-219.] The training shall be
33 approved by the commissioner in accordance with regulations adopted
34 pursuant to section 29-161x. The commissioner may not grant a license
35 to any person who has been decertified as a police officer or otherwise
36 had his or her certification canceled, revoked or refused renewal
37 pursuant to subsection (c) of section 7-294d or under the laws of any
38 other jurisdiction. For the purposes of this subsection, "veteran" and
39 "armed forces" have the same meanings as provided in section 27-103,
40 "military discharge document" has the same meaning as provided in
41 section 1-219, and "less lethal weapon" means a baton or oleoresin
42 capsicum spray, commonly referred to as "O.C. spray" or "pepper
43 spray".

44 (1) [On and after October 1, 2008, no] No person or employee of an

45 association, corporation or partnership shall conduct such training
46 without the approval of the commissioner. [except as provided in
47 subdivision (2) of this subsection.] Application for such approval shall
48 be submitted on forms prescribed by the commissioner and
49 accompanied by a fee of forty dollars. Such application shall be made
50 under oath and shall contain the applicant's name, address, date and
51 place of birth, employment for the previous five years, education or
52 training in the subjects required to be taught under this subsection, any
53 convictions for violations of the law and such other information as the
54 commissioner may require by regulation adopted pursuant to section
55 29-161x to properly investigate the character, competency and integrity
56 of the applicant. No person shall be approved as an instructor for such
57 training who has been convicted of a felony, a sexual offense or a crime
58 of moral turpitude or who has been denied approval as a security
59 service licensee, a security officer or instructor in the security industry
60 by any licensing authority, or whose approval has been revoked or
61 suspended. The term for such approval shall not exceed two years. Not
62 later than two business days after a change of address, any person
63 approved as an instructor in accordance with this section shall notify the
64 commissioner of such change and such notification shall include both
65 the old and new addresses.

66 [(2) If a security officer training course described in this subsection is
67 approved by the commissioner on or before September 30, 2008, the
68 instructor of such course shall have until April 1, 2009, to apply for
69 approval as an instructor in accordance with subdivision (1) of this
70 subsection.]

71 [(3)] (2) Each person approved as an instructor in accordance with
72 this section may apply for the renewal of such approval on a form
73 approved by the commissioner, accompanied by a fee of forty dollars.
74 Such form may require the disclosure of any information necessary for
75 the commissioner to determine whether the instructor's suitability to
76 serve as an instructor has changed since the issuance of the prior
77 approval. The term of such renewed approval shall not exceed two

78 years.

79 (c) Not later than two years after successful completion of the training
80 required pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, or the waiver of such
81 training, the applicant may submit an application for a license as a
82 security officer on forms furnished by the commissioner and, under
83 oath, shall give the applicant's name, address, date and place of birth,
84 employment for the previous five years, experience in the position
85 applied for, including military training and weapons qualifications, any
86 convictions for violations of the law and such other information as the
87 commissioner may require, by regulation, to properly investigate the
88 character, competency and integrity of the applicant. The commissioner
89 shall require any applicant for a license, or for renewal of a license,
90 under this section to submit to state and national criminal history
91 records checks conducted in accordance with section 29-17a, provided
92 an applicant for renewal of a license shall not be charged any fingerprint
93 search or fingerprinting fee pursuant to subsection (c) of section 29-11
94 for such records checks. Each applicant for a license, or for renewal of a
95 license, shall submit with the application (1) two sets of his or her
96 fingerprints on forms specified and furnished by the commissioner,
97 [provided an applicant for renewal of a license need not submit such
98 sets of fingerprints,] (2) two full-face photographs, two inches wide by
99 two inches high, taken not earlier than six months prior to the date of
100 application, and (3) a one-hundred-dollar licensing fee or licensing
101 renewal fee, made payable to the state. Any applicant who received a
102 waiver as provided in subsection (b) of this section shall be exempt from
103 payment of such licensing fee. Subject to the provisions of section 46a-
104 80, no person shall be approved for a license who has been convicted of
105 a felony, any sexual offense or any crime involving moral turpitude, or
106 who has been refused a license under the provisions of sections 29-161g
107 to 29-161x, inclusive, for any reason except minimum experience, or
108 whose license, having been granted, has been revoked or is under
109 suspension. Upon being satisfied of the suitability of the applicant for
110 licensure, the commissioner may license the applicant as a security
111 officer. Such license shall be renewed every five years. The

112 commissioner shall send a notice of the expiration date of such license
113 to the holder of such license, by first class mail or electronic mail, not
114 less than ninety days before such expiration, and shall include with such
115 notice an application for renewal. The holder of such license may elect
116 to receive such notice by first class mail or electronic mail. The security
117 officer license shall be valid for a period of ninety days after its
118 expiration date unless the license has been revoked or is under
119 suspension pursuant to section 29-161v. An application for renewal filed
120 with the commissioner after the expiration date shall be accompanied
121 by a late fee of twenty-five dollars. The commissioner shall not renew
122 any license that has been expired for more than ninety days.

123 (d) Upon the security officer's successful completion of training and
124 licensing by the commissioner, or immediately upon hiring a licensed
125 security officer, the security service employing such security officer
126 shall apply to register such security officer with the commissioner on
127 forms provided by the commissioner. Such application shall be
128 accompanied by payment of a forty-dollar application fee payable to the
129 state. The Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency
130 Services and Public Protection shall keep on file the completed
131 registration form and all related material. An identification card with
132 the name, date of birth, address, full-face photograph, physical
133 descriptors and signature of the applicant shall be issued to the security
134 officer, and shall be carried by the security officer at all times while
135 performing the duties associated with the security officer's employment.
136 Registered security officers, in the course of performing their duties,
137 shall present such card for inspection upon the request of a law
138 enforcement officer.

139 (e) The security service shall notify the commissioner not later than
140 five days after the termination of employment of any registered
141 employee.

142 (f) Any fee or portion of a fee paid pursuant to this section shall not
143 be refundable.

144 (g) No person, firm or corporation shall employ or otherwise engage
145 any person as a security officer, as defined in section 29-152u, unless
146 such person (1) is a licensed security officer, or (2) meets the
147 requirements of subsection (h) of this section.

148 (h) During the time that an application for a license as a security
149 officer is pending with the commissioner, the applicant may perform the
150 duties of security officer, provided (1) the security service employing
151 the applicant conducts, or has a consumer reporting agency regulated
152 under the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act conduct, a state and national
153 criminal history records check and determines the applicant meets the
154 requirements of subsection (c) of this section to be a security officer, (2)
155 the applicant successfully completed the training required pursuant to
156 subsection (b) of this section, or obtained a waiver of such training, and
157 (3) the applicant has not been decertified as a police officer or otherwise
158 had his or her certification canceled, revoked or refused renewal
159 pursuant to subsection (c) of section 7-294d or under the laws of any
160 other jurisdiction. The applicant shall not perform such duties at a
161 public or private preschool, elementary or secondary school or at a
162 facility licensed and used exclusively as a child care center, as described
163 in subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 19a-77. The applicant shall
164 cease to perform such duties pursuant to this subsection when the
165 commissioner grants or denies the pending application for a security
166 license under this section.

167 (i) Any person, firm or corporation that violates any provision of
168 subsection (b), (d), (e), (g) or (h) of this section shall be fined seventy-
169 five dollars for each offense. Each distinct violation of this section shall
170 be a separate offense and, in the case of a continuing violation, each day
171 thereof shall be deemed a separate offense."

172 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
173 internal references accordingly:

174 "Sec. 501. Subsection (d) of section 46b-124 of the general statutes is
175 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*

176 1, 2026):

177 (d) Records of cases of juvenile matters involving delinquency
178 proceedings shall be available to (1) Judicial Branch employees who, in
179 the performance of their duties, require access to such records, (2) judges
180 and employees of the Probate Court who, in the performance of their
181 duties, require access to such records, and (3) employees and authorized
182 agents of municipal, state or federal agencies involved in (A) the
183 delinquency proceedings, (B) the provision of services directly to the
184 child, (C) the delivery of court diversionary programs, [or] (D) the
185 [evaluation of] determination of whether a proposed transfer of a
186 firearm to a person under the age of twenty-one in this state or any other
187 state [, as required by Title II, Section 12001 of the Bipartisan Safer
188 Communities Act, Public Law 117-159] would violate 18 USC 922 (d), as
189 amended from time to time, or (E) the determination of whether a
190 person applying for a permit to carry a pistol or revolver pursuant to
191 section 29-28, as amended by this act, an eligibility certificate for a pistol
192 or revolver pursuant to section 29-36f, as amended by this act, or a long
193 gun eligibility certificate pursuant to section 29-37p, as amended by this
194 act, or requesting an ammunition certificate pursuant to section 29-38n
195 has been adjudicated as delinquent for the commission of a serious
196 juvenile offense, as defined in section 46b-120, on or after January 1,
197 2026. Such employees and authorized agents include, but are not limited
198 to, law enforcement officials, community-based youth service bureau
199 officials, state and federal prosecutorial officials, school officials in
200 accordance with section 10-233h, court officials including officials of
201 both the regular criminal docket and the docket for juvenile matters and
202 officials of the Division of Criminal Justice, the Division of Public
203 Defender Services, the Department of Children and Families, if the child
204 is under the oversight of the department's administrative unit pursuant
205 to section 17a-3b, provided such disclosure shall be limited to
206 information that identifies the child as residing in a justice facility or
207 incarcerated, or, if the child is committed pursuant to section 46b-129,
208 provided such disclosure shall be limited to (i) information that
209 identifies the child as the subject of the delinquency petition, or (ii) the

210 records of the delinquency proceedings, when the juvenile court orders
211 the department to provide services to said child, the Court Support
212 Services Division and agencies under contract with the Judicial Branch.
213 Such records shall also be available to (I) the attorney representing the
214 child, including the Division of Public Defender Services, in any
215 proceeding in which such records are relevant, (II) the parents or
216 guardian of the child, until such time as the subject of the record reaches
217 the age of majority, (III) the subject of the record, upon submission of
218 satisfactory proof of the subject's identity, pursuant to guidelines
219 prescribed by the Office of the Chief Court Administrator, provided the
220 subject has reached the age of majority, (IV) law enforcement officials
221 and prosecutorial officials conducting legitimate criminal
222 investigations, as provided in subsection (o) of this section or orders to
223 detain pursuant to section 46b-133, (V) a state or federal agency
224 providing services related to the collection of moneys due or funding to
225 support the service needs of eligible juveniles, provided such disclosure
226 shall be limited to that information necessary for the collection of and
227 application for such moneys, (VI) members and employees of the Board
228 of Pardons and Paroles and employees of the Department of Correction
229 who, in the performance of their duties, require access to such records,
230 provided the subject of the record has been convicted of a crime in the
231 regular criminal docket of the Superior Court and such records are
232 relevant to the performance of a risk and needs assessment of such
233 person while such person is incarcerated, the determination of such
234 person's suitability for release from incarceration or for a pardon, or the
235 determination of the supervision and treatment needs of such person
236 while on parole or other supervised release, and (VII) members and
237 employees of the Judicial Review Council who, in the performance of
238 their duties related to said council, require access to such records.
239 Records disclosed pursuant to this subsection shall not be further
240 disclosed, except that information contained in such records may be
241 disclosed in connection with bail or sentencing reports in open court
242 during criminal proceedings involving the subject of such information,
243 or as otherwise provided by law.

244 Sec. 502. Subsection (b) of section 29-28 of the general statutes is
245 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
246 *1, 2026*):

247 (b) Upon the application of any person having a bona fide permanent
248 residence within the jurisdiction of any such authority, such chief of
249 police or, where there is no chief of police, such chief executive officer,
250 as defined in section 7-193, or, if designated by such chief executive
251 officer, a resident state trooper or state police officer, as applicable, may
252 issue a temporary state permit to such person to carry a pistol or
253 revolver within the state, provided such authority shall find that such
254 applicant intends to make no use of any pistol or revolver which such
255 applicant may be permitted to carry under such permit other than a
256 lawful use and that such person is a suitable person to receive such
257 permit. Such applicant shall submit to a state and national criminal
258 history records check in accordance with section 29-17a. If the applicant
259 has a bona fide permanent residence within the jurisdiction of any
260 federally recognized Native American tribe within the borders of the
261 state, and such tribe has a law enforcement unit, as defined in section 7-
262 294a, the chief of police of such law enforcement unit may issue a
263 temporary state permit to such person pursuant to the provisions of this
264 subsection, and any chief of police of any other law enforcement unit
265 having jurisdiction over an area containing such person's bona fide
266 permanent residence shall not issue such temporary state permit if such
267 tribal law enforcement unit accepts applications for temporary state
268 permits. Such applicant shall submit to a state and national criminal
269 history records check in accordance with section 29-17a. No state or
270 temporary state permit to carry a pistol or revolver shall be issued under
271 this subsection if the applicant: (1) (A) For any application filed prior to
272 July 1, 2024, has failed to successfully complete a course approved by
273 the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection in the
274 safety and use of pistols and revolvers including, but not limited to, a
275 safety or training course in the use of pistols and revolvers available to
276 the public offered by a law enforcement agency, a private or public
277 educational institution or a firearms training school, utilizing instructors

278 certified by the National Rifle Association or the Department of Energy
279 and Environmental Protection and a safety or training course in the use
280 of pistols or revolvers conducted by an instructor certified by the state
281 or the National Rifle Association, and (B) for any application filed on or
282 after July 1, 2024, has failed to successfully complete, not earlier than
283 two years prior to the submission of such application, a course approved
284 by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection in
285 the safety and use of firearms, which courses may include those certified
286 by the National Rifle Association or other organizations, conducted by
287 an instructor certified by the National Rifle Association or by the state,
288 provided any such course includes instruction in state law requirements
289 pertaining to safe storage in the home and in vehicles, lawful use of
290 firearms and lawful carrying of firearms in public. Any person wishing
291 to provide such course, may apply in the form and manner prescribed
292 by the commissioner. The commissioner shall approve or deny any
293 application for provision of such a course not later than July 1, 2024, in
294 the case of an application submitted before October 1, 2023; (2) has been
295 convicted of (A) a felony, (B) a misdemeanor violation of section 21a-279
296 on or after October 1, 2015, or (C) a misdemeanor violation of section
297 53a-58, 53a-61, 53a-61a, 53a-62, 53a-63, 53a-96, 53a-175, 53a-176, 53a-178
298 or 53a-181d during the preceding twenty years or a misdemeanor
299 violation of any law of this state that has been designated as a family
300 violence crime pursuant to section 46b-38h; (3) has been [convicted]
301 adjudicated as delinquent for the commission of a serious juvenile
302 offense, as defined in section 46b-120, on or after January 1, 2026; (4) has
303 been discharged from custody within the preceding twenty years after
304 having been found not guilty of a crime by reason of mental disease or
305 defect pursuant to section 53a-13; (5) (A) has been confined in a hospital
306 for persons with psychiatric disabilities, as defined in section 17a-495,
307 within the preceding sixty months by order of a probate court, or (B) has
308 been voluntarily admitted on or after October 1, 2013, or has been
309 committed under an emergency certificate pursuant to section 17a-502
310 on or after October 1, 2023, to a hospital for persons with psychiatric
311 disabilities, as defined in section 17a-495, within the preceding six
312 months for care and treatment of a psychiatric disability and not solely

313 for being an alcohol-dependent person or a drug-dependent person, as
314 those terms are defined in section 17a-680; (6) is subject to a restraining
315 or protective order issued by a court in a case involving the use,
316 attempted use or threatened use of physical force against another
317 person, including an ex parte order issued pursuant to section 46b-15 or
318 46b-16a; (7) is subject to a firearms seizure order issued prior to June 1,
319 2022, pursuant to section 29-38c after notice and hearing, or a risk
320 protection order or risk protection investigation order issued on or after
321 June 1, 2022, pursuant to section 29-38c; (8) is prohibited from shipping,
322 transporting, possessing or receiving a firearm pursuant to 18 USC
323 922(g)(2), (g)(4) or (g)(9); (9) is an alien illegally or unlawfully in the
324 United States; or (10) is less than twenty-one years of age. Nothing in
325 this section shall require any person who holds a valid permit to carry a
326 pistol or revolver on July 1, 2024, to participate in any additional
327 training in the safety and use of pistols and revolvers. No person may
328 apply for a temporary state permit to carry a pistol or revolver more
329 than once within any twelve-month period, and no temporary state
330 permit to carry a pistol or revolver shall be issued to any person who
331 has applied for such permit more than once within the preceding twelve
332 months. Any person who applies for a temporary state permit to carry
333 a pistol or revolver shall indicate in writing on the application, under
334 penalty of false statement in such manner as the issuing authority
335 prescribes, that such person has not applied for a temporary state permit
336 to carry a pistol or revolver within the past twelve months. Upon
337 issuance of a temporary state permit to carry a pistol or revolver to the
338 applicant, the local authority, or the chief of police of a law enforcement
339 unit of any federally recognized Native American tribe within the
340 borders of the state as referenced in this subsection, shall forward the
341 original application to the commissioner. Not later than sixty days after
342 receiving a temporary state permit, an applicant shall appear at a
343 location designated by the commissioner to receive the state permit. The
344 commissioner may then issue, to any holder of any temporary state
345 permit, a state permit to carry a pistol or revolver within the state. Upon
346 issuance of the state permit, the commissioner shall make available to
347 the permit holder a copy of the law regarding the permit holder's

348 responsibility to report the loss or theft of a firearm and the penalties
349 associated with the failure to comply with such law. Upon issuance of
350 the state permit, the commissioner shall forward a record of such permit
351 to the local authority, or the chief of police of a law enforcement unit of
352 any federally recognized Native American tribe within the borders of
353 the state as referenced in this subsection, issuing the temporary state
354 permit. The commissioner shall retain records of all applications,
355 whether approved or denied. The copy of the state permit delivered to
356 the permittee shall be laminated and shall contain a full-face photograph
357 of such permittee. A person holding a state permit issued pursuant to
358 this subsection shall notify the issuing authority within two business
359 days of any change of such person's address. The notification shall
360 include the old address and the new address of such person.

361 Sec. 503. Subsection (b) of section 29-36f of the general statutes is
362 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
363 *1, 2026*):

364 (b) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection
365 shall issue an eligibility certificate unless said commissioner finds that
366 the applicant: (1) (A) For any application filed prior to July 1, 2024, has
367 failed to successfully complete a course approved by the Commissioner
368 of Emergency Services and Public Protection in the safety and use of
369 pistols and revolvers including, but not limited to, a safety or training
370 course in the use of pistols and revolvers available to the public offered
371 by a law enforcement agency, a private or public educational institution
372 or a firearms training school, utilizing instructors certified by the
373 National Rifle Association or the Department of Energy and
374 Environmental Protection and a safety or training course in the use of
375 pistols or revolvers conducted by an instructor certified by the state or
376 the National Rifle Association, or (B) for any application filed on or after
377 July 1, 2024, has failed to successfully complete, not earlier than two
378 years prior to the submission of such application, a course approved by
379 the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection in the
380 safety and use of firearms, which courses may include those certified by

the National Rifle Association or other organizations, conducted by an instructor certified by the National Rifle Association or by the state, provided any such course includes instruction in state law requirements pertaining to safe storage in the home and in vehicles, lawful use of firearms and lawful carrying of firearms in public; (2) has been convicted of (A) a felony, (B) a misdemeanor violation of section 21a-279 on or after October 1, 2015, (C) a misdemeanor violation of section 53a-58, 53a-61, 53a-61a, 53a-62, 53a-63, 53a-96, 53a-175, 53a-176, 53a-178 or 53a-181d during the preceding twenty years, or (D) a misdemeanor violation of any law of this state that has been designated as a family violence crime pursuant to section 46b-38h; (3) has been [convicted] adjudicated as delinquent for the commission of a serious juvenile offense, as defined in section 46b-120, on or after January 1, 2026; (4) has been discharged from custody within the preceding twenty years after having been found not guilty of a crime by reason of mental disease or defect pursuant to section 53a-13; (5) (A) has been confined in a hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities, as defined in section 17a-495, within the preceding sixty months by order of a probate court; or (B) has been voluntarily admitted on or after October 1, 2013, or has been committed under an emergency certificate pursuant to section 17a-502 on or after October 1, 2023, to a hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities, as defined in section 17a-495, within the preceding six months for care and treatment of a psychiatric disability and not solely for being an alcohol-dependent person or a drug-dependent person as those terms are defined in section 17a-680; (6) is subject to a restraining or protective order issued by a court in a case involving the use, attempted use or threatened use of physical force against another person, including an ex parte order issued pursuant to section 46b-15 or section 46b-16a; (7) is subject to a firearms seizure order issued prior to June 1, 2022, pursuant to section 29-38c after notice and hearing, or a risk protection order or risk protection investigation order issued on or after June 1, 2022, pursuant to section 29-38c; (8) is prohibited from shipping, transporting, possessing or receiving a firearm pursuant to 18 USC 922(g)(2), (g)(4) or (g)(9); or (9) is an alien illegally or unlawfully in the United States.

416 Sec. 504. Subsection (b) of section 29-37p of the general statutes is
417 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
418 *1, 2026*):

419 (b) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection
420 shall issue a long gun eligibility certificate unless said commissioner
421 finds that the applicant: (1) (A) For any application filed prior to July 1,
422 2024, has failed to successfully complete a course approved by the
423 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection in the
424 safety and use of firearms including, but not limited to, a safety or
425 training course in the use of firearms available to the public offered by
426 a law enforcement agency, a private or public educational institution or
427 a firearms training school, utilizing instructors certified by the National
428 Rifle Association or the Department of Energy and Environmental
429 Protection and a safety or training course in the use of firearms
430 conducted by an instructor certified by the state or the National Rifle
431 Association, or (B) for any application filed on or after July 1, 2024, has
432 failed to successfully complete, not earlier than two years prior to the
433 submission of such application, a course approved by the Commissioner
434 of Emergency Services and Public Protection in the safety and use of
435 firearms, which courses may include those certified by the National
436 Rifle Association or other organizations, conducted by an instructor
437 certified by the National Rifle Association or by the state, provided any
438 such course includes instruction in state law requirements pertaining to
439 safe storage in the home and in vehicles, lawful use of firearms and
440 lawful carrying of firearms in public; (2) has been convicted of (A) a
441 felony, (B) a misdemeanor violation of section 21a-279 on or after
442 October 1, 2015, (C) a misdemeanor violation of section 53a-58, 53a-61,
443 53a-61a, 53a-62, 53a-63, 53a-96, 53a-175, 53a-176, 53a-178 or 53a-181d
444 during the preceding twenty years, or (D) a misdemeanor violation of
445 any law of this state that has been designated as a family violence crime
446 pursuant to section 46b-38h; (3) has been [convicted] adjudicated as
447 delinquent for the commission of a serious juvenile offense, as defined
448 in section 46b-120, on or after January 1, 2026; (4) has been discharged
449 from custody within the preceding twenty years after having been

450 found not guilty of a crime by reason of mental disease or defect
451 pursuant to section 53a-13; (5) has been confined in a hospital for
452 persons with psychiatric disabilities, as defined in section 17a-495,
453 within the preceding sixty months by order of a probate court; (6) has
454 been voluntarily admitted or, on or after October 1, 2023, has been
455 committed under an emergency certificate pursuant to section 17a-502
456 to a hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities, as defined in
457 section 17a-495, within the preceding six months for care and treatment
458 of a psychiatric disability and not solely for being an alcohol-dependent
459 person or a drug-dependent person as those terms are defined in section
460 17a-680; (7) is subject to a restraining or protective order issued by a
461 court in a case involving the use, attempted use or threatened use of
462 physical force against another person, including an ex parte order
463 issued pursuant to section 46b-15 or 46b-16a; (8) is subject to a firearms
464 seizure order issued prior to June 1, 2022, pursuant to section 29-38c
465 after notice and hearing, or a risk protection order or risk protection
466 investigation order issued on or after June 1, 2022, pursuant to section
467 29-38c; (9) is prohibited from shipping, transporting, possessing or
468 receiving a firearm pursuant to 18 USC 922(g)(2), (g)(4) or (g)(9); or (10)
469 is an alien illegally or unlawfully in the United States.

470 Sec. 505. Section 29-298a of the general statutes is repealed and the
471 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

472 There shall be established within the Department of Administrative
473 Services a Fire Marshal Training Council which shall advise the State
474 Fire Marshal and the Codes and Standards Committee on all matters
475 pertaining to (1) certification training programs, (2) decertification
476 hearings, (3) in-service training for fire marshals in the state, and (4)
477 programs for all other persons eligible to receive training pursuant to
478 subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of section 29-251c. The council shall be
479 composed of [twelve] nine members as follows: The State Fire Marshal
480 or [his] the State Fire Marshal's designee; a member of the Codes and
481 Standards Committee to be elected by such committee; three members
482 [appointed] designated by the Connecticut Fire Marshals Association,

483 [one of whom shall be a volunteer,] one of whom shall be a part-time
484 paid local fire marshal, deputy fire marshal or fire inspector, and [one]
485 two of whom shall be [a] full-time [,] local fire [marshal] marshals,
486 deputy fire [marshal] marshals or fire [inspector] inspectors; one
487 member [appointed by the Board of Regents for Higher Education; two
488 members] designated by the Connecticut Chapter of the American
489 Institute of Architects; one member appointed by the [Board of Trustees
490 for the Community-Technical Colleges; the chief elected official of a
491 municipality having a population in excess of seventy thousand
492 persons, appointed by the Governor; the chief elected official of a
493 municipality having a population of less than seventy thousand
494 persons, appointed by the Governor; and two public members,
495 appointed by the Governor. Members shall be residents of this state and
496 shall not be compensated for their services but shall be reimbursed for
497 necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties] Office
498 of Education and Data Management within the Department of
499 Administrative Services; one member designated by the Connecticut
500 Conference of Municipalities; and one member designated by the
501 Connecticut Council of Small Towns. The council may elect such officers
502 as it deems necessary.

503 Sec. 506. Section 7-323k of the general statutes is repealed and the
504 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

505 (a) [(1)] There is established a Commission on Fire Prevention and
506 Control. [Until June 30, 2025, the commission shall consist of twelve
507 members appointed by the Governor. The State Fire Marshal or the State
508 Fire Marshal's designee and the chancellor of the Connecticut State
509 Colleges and Universities or the chancellor's designee shall serve as ex-
510 officio, voting members of said commission. Of the twelve members
511 appointed by the Governor, two shall represent The Connecticut State
512 Firefighter's Association, two shall represent the Connecticut Fire Chiefs
513 Association, two shall represent the Uniformed Professional Firefighters
514 of the International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO, two shall
515 represent the Connecticut Fire Marshals Association, two shall

516 represent the Connecticut Fire Department Instructors Association and
517 two shall represent the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities. The
518 term of any member appointed pursuant to this subdivision shall end
519 on June 30, 2025.

520 (2) On and after July 1, 2025, the] The commission shall consist of the
521 following members:

522 [(A)] (1) Two members of The Connecticut State Firefighter's
523 Association, one of whom is the chairperson of the association's
524 education committee, appointed by the Governor;

525 [(B)] (2) Two members of the Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association,
526 appointed by the Governor;

527 [(C)] (3) Two members of the Connecticut Career Fire Chiefs'
528 Association, appointed by the Governor;

529 [(D)] (4) Two members of the Uniformed Professional Firefighters of
530 the International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO, appointed by the
531 Governor;

532 [(E)] (5) Two members of the Connecticut Fire Marshals Association,
533 appointed by the Governor;

534 [(F)] (6) Two members of the Connecticut Fire Department Instructors
535 Association, appointed by the Governor;

536 [(G)] (7) A representative of the Connecticut Council of Small Towns,
537 appointed by the Governor;

538 [(H)] (8) A representative of the Connecticut Conference of
539 Municipalities, appointed by the Governor;

540 [(I)] (9) A representative of the Connecticut Council of Small Towns,
541 appointed by the House chairperson of the joint standing committee of
542 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
543 safety and security;

544 [(J)] (10) A representative of the Connecticut Conference of
545 Municipalities, appointed by the Senate chairperson of the joint
546 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
547 matters relating to public safety and security;

548 [(K)] (11) A member of the Connecticut Fire Equipment Mechanics
549 Association, appointed by the House ranking member of the joint
550 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
551 matters relating to public safety and security;

552 [(L)] (12) A representative of the Emergency Medical Services
553 Advisory Board, appointed by the Senate ranking member of the joint
554 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
555 matters relating to public safety and security;

556 [(M)] (13) The State Fire Marshal, [who shall be a nonvoting member]
557 or such marshal's designee;

558 [(N)] (14) The forest protection supervisor within the Forestry
559 Division of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, or
560 such supervisor's designee; [, who shall be a nonvoting member;] and

561 [(O)] (15) The commanding officer of the Fire and Explosion
562 Investigation Unit of the Division of State Police within the Department
563 of Emergency Services and Public Protection, or such officer's designee,
564 [, who shall be a nonvoting member.]

565 (b) On or before July fifteenth, annually, each organization to be
566 represented on said commission shall submit to the appropriate
567 appointing authority a list of nominees for appointment to said
568 commission, which list the appointing authority may use when making
569 appointments to said commission. Appointing authorities shall appoint
570 members to said commission to serve for three years, or until a successor
571 is appointed. Any vacancy in the membership of the commission shall
572 be filled by the appointing authority for the unexpired portion of the
573 term. Persons appointed to said commission shall be qualified, by
574 experience or education, in the fields of fire protection, fire prevention,

575 fire suppression, fire fighting and related fields.

576 (c) The commission shall meet at such times and at such places as it
577 deems proper. [On and before June 30, 2025, the commission shall elect
578 from its membership a chairperson, vice chairperson and secretary who
579 shall serve a one year term commencing on October first of the year in
580 which they are elected, provided such terms shall expire on June 30,
581 2025, and nothing contained herein shall prevent their reelection to such
582 office. On and after July 1, 2025, the] The Governor shall appoint the
583 chairperson of the commission from the commission's membership, and
584 the commission shall elect from its membership a vice chairperson and
585 secretary, who shall serve one year terms, provided nothing contained
586 herein shall prevent their reelection to such office. No member of said
587 commission shall receive compensation for such member's services.

588 (d) Members of the commission shall not be considered as holding
589 public office solely by virtue of their membership on said commission.

590 (e) [On and after July 1, 2025, the] The members of the education
591 committee of the Connecticut State Firefighters Association, Inc., shall
592 serve as a subcommittee of the commission on matters relating to fire
593 schools.

594 (f) The commission shall be within the Department of Emergency
595 Services and Public Protection.

596 Sec. 507. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of
597 Administrative Services shall convene a working group within the
598 Department of Administrative Services to study the Codes and
599 Standards Committee. Such study shall include, but need not be limited
600 to, a review of the membership of, and procedures utilized by, the Codes
601 and Standards Committee, for the purpose of recommending any
602 needed changes to such membership or procedures.

603 (b) The working group shall consist of the following members, none
604 of whom shall be a current member of the Codes and Standards
605 Committee: (1) Four appointed by the Commissioner of Administrative

606 Services; (2) one appointed by the Commissioner of Emergency Services
 607 and Public Protection; (3) two designated by the Connecticut Building
 608 Officials Association; and (4) two designated by the Connecticut Fire
 609 Marshals Association.

610 (c) Not later than July 1, 2026, the working group shall submit a report
 611 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
 612 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
 613 safety and security, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
 614 of the general statutes. The working group shall terminate on the date
 615 that it submits such report or July 1, 2026, whichever is later."

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

Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	29-161q
Sec. 501	<i>January 1, 2026</i>	46b-124(d)
Sec. 502	<i>January 1, 2026</i>	29-28(b)
Sec. 503	<i>January 1, 2026</i>	29-36f(b)
Sec. 504	<i>January 1, 2026</i>	29-37p(b)
Sec. 505	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	29-298a
Sec. 506	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	7-323k
Sec. 507	<i>from passage</i>	New section