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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND DRINKING WATER STATUTES."

1 In line 245, strike "The Commissioner of Public Health may
2 implement"

3 Strike lines 246 to 253, inclusive, in their entirety

4 In line 761, strike "The"

5 Strike lines 762 to 769, inclusive, in their entirety

6 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
7 internal references accordingly:

8 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section:

9 (1) "Agent of the local director of health" means a person who holds
10 an approval from the commissioner, pursuant to the regulations of

11 Connecticut state agencies, to investigate, inspect and approve plans
12 relating to subsurface sewage disposal systems;

13 (2) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Public Health;

14 (3) "Department" means the Department of Public Health;

15 (4) "Local director of health" means a director of a (A) municipal
16 health department, appointed pursuant to section 19a-200 of the general
17 statutes, or (B) district health department, appointed pursuant to section
18 19a-242 of the general statutes;

19 (5) "On-site wastewater specialist" means a person who has obtained
20 certification from the commissioner to (A) review and approve plans,
21 (B) conduct regulatory inspections, (C) investigate complaints relating
22 to subsurface sewage disposal systems within the jurisdiction of a local
23 director of health, and (D) perform any other related duties as
24 prescribed by the commissioner;

25 (6) "Phase I on-site wastewater specialist" means a person certified by
26 the commissioner to act as an on-site wastewater specialist for a
27 subsurface sewage disposal system serving a building with a design
28 flow of up to two thousand gallons per day, except for such subsurface
29 sewage disposal systems designed by a professional engineer licensed
30 pursuant to chapter 391 of the general statutes;

31 (7) "Phase II on-site wastewater specialist" means a person certified
32 by the commissioner to act as an on-site wastewater specialist for a
33 subsurface sewage disposal system serving a building with a design
34 flow up to ten thousand gallons per day; and

35 (8) "Phase III on-site wastewater specialist" means a person certified
36 by the commissioner to act as an on-site wastewater specialist for an
37 alternative on-site sewage treatment system serving a building with a
38 design flow of ten thousand gallons per day or less.

39 (b) (1) On and after October 1, 2026, no person, including a licensed

40 environmental health specialist, as defined in section 20-358 of the
41 general statutes, shall perform the duties of an on-site wastewater
42 specialist unless such person is (A) certified by the commissioner
43 pursuant to the provisions of this section, and (B) appointed by a local
44 director of health to perform the duties of an on-site wastewater
45 specialist as an employee or contractor of the municipal health
46 department or health district. The local director of health shall maintain
47 records of such appointments and provide the department a copy of, or
48 access to, such records upon the commissioner's request.

49 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, an agent of the
50 local director of health approved before October 1, 2026, may perform
51 the duties of an on-site wastewater specialist for a local director of health
52 without obtaining certification pursuant to the provisions of this section,
53 provided such agent applies for an initial certification as an on-site
54 wastewater specialist pursuant to the provisions of this section not later
55 than October 1, 2027.

56 (c) (1) An agent of the local director of health, who is approved to
57 investigate, inspect and approve all plans for subsurface sewage
58 disposal systems, except those prepared by a professional engineer
59 licensed pursuant to chapter 391 of the general statutes, shall seek initial
60 certification as a Phase I on-site wastewater specialist. An agent of the
61 local director of health, who is approved to investigate, inspect and
62 approve plans for subsurface sewage disposal systems prepared by a
63 professional engineer, licensed pursuant to chapter 391 of the general
64 statutes, shall seek initial certification as a Phase II on-site wastewater
65 specialist. After receiving initial certification, such certification shall be
66 renewed in accordance with the provisions of subsection (e) of this
67 section. On and after the date on which the commissioner begins issuing
68 certifications pursuant to the provisions of this section, the
69 commissioner shall not grant any approval of an agent of the local
70 director of health pursuant to the regulations of Connecticut state
71 agencies.

72 (2) Employees or contractors of the department may conduct

73 regulatory inspections and investigate complaints concerning
74 subsurface sewage disposal systems on behalf of the department
75 without obtaining certification as an on-site wastewater specialist
76 pursuant to the provisions of this section.

77 (3) An applicant for certification as an on-site wastewater specialist
78 may perform the duties of an on-site wastewater specialist as part of a
79 practical component of a training course, as described in subsection (i)
80 of this section, developed by the department that is taught by
81 department staff or an approved training provider holding a
82 certification for the certification level sought.

83 (d) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this
84 section, a person may apply, in a form and manner prescribed by the
85 commissioner, for an initial certification after (1) completing a training
86 course prescribed by the commissioner, and (2) receiving a passing score
87 on an examination prescribed by the commissioner for the on-site
88 wastewater specialist certification level the applicant seeks. No person
89 may apply for certification as a Phase III on-site wastewater specialist
90 earlier than the date on which minimum requirements for alternative
91 on-site sewage treatment systems are established in accordance with the
92 provisions of section 19a-35a of the general statutes.

93 (e) There shall be no fee to apply for an initial on-site wastewater
94 specialist certification or to renew such certification. A certification shall
95 be renewed in accordance with the provisions of section 19a-88 of the
96 general statutes, as amended by this act.

97 (f) The commissioner may require on-site wastewater specialists to
98 attend conferences to provide information and updates regarding on-
99 site sewage treatment systems, which may include, but need not be
100 limited to, a review of the department's technical standards for the
101 siting, design and installation requirements of a subsurface sewage
102 disposal system. The commissioner may conduct such conferences in
103 person, online or by prerecorded online presentations. The
104 commissioner shall not conduct more than two such conferences in any

105 one calendar year.

106 (g) An on-site wastewater specialist shall only hold a certification as
107 a Phase I, Phase II or Phase III on-site wastewater specialist and shall
108 not hold more than one such certification at one time. A Phase I on-site
109 wastewater specialist shall only perform activities associated with a
110 Phase I on-site wastewater specialist certification. A Phase II on-site
111 wastewater specialist may perform activities associated with a Phase I
112 and Phase II on-site wastewater specialist certification. A Phase III on-
113 site wastewater specialist may perform activities associated with Phase
114 I and Phase II on-site wastewater specialist certification and activities
115 associated with alternative on-site sewage treatment systems. No
116 person shall apply for certification as a Phase II on-site wastewater
117 specialist without having previously obtained certification as a Phase I
118 on-site wastewater specialist or served as an agent of a local director of
119 health prior to October 1, 2026. No person shall apply for certification as
120 a Phase III on-site wastewater specialist without having previously
121 obtained certification as a Phase II on-site wastewater specialist.

122 (h) The commissioner shall develop the following initial certification
123 applications: (1) Phase I or Phase II on-site wastewater specialist for
124 agents of local directors of health approved prior to October 1, 2026,
125 which shall include an attestation of such approval prior to October 1,
126 2026, (2) Phase I on-site wastewater specialist, (3) Phase II on-site
127 wastewater specialist, and (4) Phase III on-site wastewater specialist.
128 The commissioner shall also develop a renewal certification application
129 and an application for training providers seeking the commissioner's
130 approval to provide on-site wastewater specialist training courses
131 pursuant to the provisions of subsection (i) of this section.

132 (i) The commissioner shall develop training courses and
133 corresponding examinations for Phase I, Phase II and Phase III on-site
134 wastewater specialists. The training courses may include a practical
135 component, plan reviews and homework. The commissioner may
136 approve training providers to teach the courses. To be approved, a
137 training provider shall demonstrate, in a form and manner prescribed

138 by the commissioner, that the training course and its materials are
139 consistent with the department's technical standards for the siting,
140 design and installation of subsurface sewage disposal systems. Any
141 approval granted pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall
142 expire three years after the date of such approval. The commissioner
143 may administer or contract with a testing center to administer training
144 courses or certification examinations.

145 (j) The commissioner may adopt regulations concerning the
146 certification of on-site wastewater specialists, in accordance with the
147 provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, that shall include, but
148 need not be limited to: (1) The scope of duties performed by each
149 certification of on-site wastewater specialist; (2) requirements and
150 procedures for the issuance of an initial certification; (3) requirements
151 and procedures to renew certification, in accordance with section 19a-
152 88 of the general statutes, as amended by this act; (4) standards and
153 procedures for certification examinations administered by the
154 commissioner or a testing center; (5) training standards required for
155 initial and renewal certification; and (6) standards and procedures for
156 the commissioner's approval of training providers and courses of study
157 offered by training providers. The commissioner may implement
158 policies and procedures necessary to implement the provisions of this
159 section while in the process of adopting such policies and procedures as
160 regulations, provided the commissioner publishes notice of intent to
161 adopt regulations on the eRegulations System not later than twenty
162 days after the date of implementation of such policies and procedures.
163 Policies and procedures implemented pursuant to this subsection shall
164 be valid until final regulations are adopted in accordance with the
165 provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes.

166 (k) (1) The commissioner may take any disciplinary action against an
167 on-site wastewater specialist permitted under section 19a-17 of the
168 general statutes, except for the assessment of a civil penalty, for any of
169 the following reasons: (A) Fraud or material deception in obtaining
170 initial certification or renewal certification or the reinstatement of a

171 certificate; (B) fraudulent practices including, but not limited to,
172 acceptance of bribes in the performance of the on-site wastewater
173 specialist's professional activities; (C) incompetent, negligent or illegal
174 performance of the on-site wastewater specialist's professional duties;
175 (D) conviction of the on-site wastewater specialist for a felony; or (E)
176 failure of the on-site wastewater specialist to complete the mandatory
177 training or attend mandatory conferences.

178 (2) The commissioner may take any disciplinary action against a
179 training provider permitted under section 19a-17 of the general statutes,
180 except for the assessment of a civil penalty, if the commissioner
181 determines that (A) a training course's hours or materials were not
182 consistent with the department's technical standards for the siting,
183 design and installation of subsurface sewage disposal systems; or (B) the
184 training provider engaged in incompetent, negligent or illegal activities
185 in the provision of training courses.

186 Sec. 502. Subsection (c) of section 19a-14 of the 2026 supplement to
187 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
188 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

189 (c) No board shall exist for the following professions that are licensed
190 or otherwise regulated by the Department of Public Health:

191 (1) Speech and language pathologist and audiologist;

192 (2) Hearing instrument specialist;

193 (3) Nursing home administrator;

194 (4) Environmental health specialist;

195 (5) Subsurface sewage system installer or cleaner;

196 (6) Marital and family therapist and marriage and family therapist
197 associate;

198 (7) Nurse-midwife;

- 199 (8) Licensed clinical social worker;
- 200 (9) Respiratory care practitioner;
- 201 (10) Asbestos contractor, asbestos consultant and asbestos training
202 provider;
- 203 (11) Massage therapist;
- 204 (12) Registered nurse's aide;
- 205 (13) Radiographer;
- 206 (14) Dental hygienist;
- 207 (15) Dietitian-Nutritionist;
- 208 (16) Asbestos abatement worker;
- 209 (17) Asbestos abatement site supervisor;
- 210 (18) Licensed or certified alcohol and drug counselor;
- 211 (19) Professional counselor and professional counselor associate;
- 212 (20) Acupuncturist;
- 213 (21) Occupational therapist and occupational therapist assistant;
- 214 (22) Lead abatement contractor, lead consultant contractor, lead
215 consultant, lead abatement supervisor, lead abatement worker, lead
216 training provider, lead inspector, lead inspector risk assessor and lead
217 planner-project designer;
- 218 (23) Emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical
219 technician, emergency medical responder and emergency medical
220 services instructor;
- 221 (24) Paramedic;

- 222 (25) Athletic trainer;
- 223 (26) Perfusionist;
- 224 (27) Master social worker subject to the provisions of section 20-195v;
- 225 (28) Radiologist assistant, subject to the provisions of section 20-74tt;
- 226 (29) Homeopathic physician;
- 227 (30) Certified water treatment plant operator, certified distribution
228 system operator, certified small water system operator, certified
229 backflow prevention device tester and certified cross connection survey
230 inspector, including certified limited operators, certified conditional
231 operators and certified operators in training;
- 232 (31) Tattoo technician;
- 233 (32) Genetic counselor;
- 234 (33) Behavior analyst;
- 235 (34) Art therapist;
- 236 (35) Esthetician;
- 237 (36) Eyelash technician; [and]
- 238 (37) Nail technician; and
- 239 (38) On-site wastewater specialist.

240 The department shall assume all powers and duties normally vested
241 with a board in administering regulatory jurisdiction over such
242 professions. The uniform provisions of this chapter and chapters 368v,
243 369 to 381a, inclusive, 383 to 388, inclusive, 393a, 395, 398, 399, 400a and
244 400c, including, but not limited to, standards for entry and renewal;
245 grounds for professional discipline; receiving and processing
246 complaints; and disciplinary sanctions, shall apply, except as otherwise

247 provided by law, to the professions listed in this subsection.

248 Sec. 503. Subsection (c) of section 19a-14 of the 2026 supplement to
249 the general statutes, as amended by section 196 of public act 25-168, is
250 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
251 *2026*):

252 (c) No board shall exist for the following professions that are licensed
253 or otherwise regulated by the Department of Public Health:

254 (1) Speech and language pathologist and audiologist;

255 (2) Hearing instrument specialist;

256 (3) Nursing home administrator;

257 (4) Environmental health specialist;

258 (5) Subsurface sewage system installer or cleaner;

259 (6) Marital and family therapist and marriage and family therapist
260 associate;

261 (7) Nurse-midwife;

262 (8) Licensed clinical social worker;

263 (9) Respiratory care practitioner;

264 (10) Asbestos contractor, asbestos consultant and asbestos training
265 provider;

266 (11) Massage therapist;

267 (12) Registered nurse's aide;

268 (13) Radiographer;

269 (14) Dental hygienist;

- 270 (15) Dietitian-Nutritionist;
- 271 (16) Asbestos abatement worker;
- 272 (17) Asbestos abatement site supervisor;
- 273 (18) Licensed or certified alcohol and drug counselor;
- 274 (19) Professional counselor and professional counselor associate;
- 275 (20) Acupuncturist;
- 276 (21) Occupational therapist and occupational therapist assistant;
- 277 (22) Lead abatement contractor, lead consultant contractor, lead
278 consultant, lead abatement supervisor, lead abatement worker, lead
279 training provider, lead inspector, lead inspector risk assessor and lead
280 planner-project designer;
- 281 (23) Emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical
282 technician, emergency medical responder and emergency medical
283 services instructor;
- 284 (24) Paramedic;
- 285 (25) Athletic trainer;
- 286 (26) Perfusionist;
- 287 (27) Master social worker subject to the provisions of section 20-195v;
- 288 (28) Radiologist assistant, subject to the provisions of section 20-74tt;
- 289 (29) Homeopathic physician;
- 290 (30) Certified water treatment plant operator, certified distribution
291 system operator, certified small water system operator, certified
292 backflow prevention device tester and certified cross connection survey
293 inspector, including certified limited operators, certified conditional

294 operators and certified operators in training;

295 (31) Tattoo technician;

296 (32) Genetic counselor;

297 (33) Behavior analyst;

298 (34) Art therapist;

299 (35) Esthetician;

300 (36) Eyelash technician;

301 (37) Nail technician; [and]

302 (38) On-site wastewater specialist; and

303 [(38)] (39) Lactation consultant.

304 The department shall assume all powers and duties normally vested
305 with a board in administering regulatory jurisdiction over such
306 professions. The uniform provisions of this chapter and chapters 368v,
307 369 to 381a, inclusive, 382e to 388, inclusive, 393a, 395, 398, 399, 400a and
308 400c, including, but not limited to, standards for entry and renewal;
309 grounds for professional discipline; receiving and processing
310 complaints; and disciplinary sanctions, shall apply, except as otherwise
311 provided by law, to the professions listed in this subsection.

312 Sec. 504. Subsection (e) of section 19a-88 of the 2026 supplement to
313 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
314 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

315 (e) (1) Each person holding a license or certificate issued under
316 section 19a-514, 20-65k, 20-74s, 20-185k, 20-185l, 20-195cc or 20-206ll and
317 chapters 370 to 373, inclusive, 375, 378 to 381a, inclusive, 383 to 383c,
318 inclusive, 383g, 384, 384a, 384b, 385, 393a, 395, 399 or 400a and section
319 20-206n or 20-206o shall, annually, or, in the case of a person holding a

320 license as a marital and family therapist associate under section 20-195c
321 on or before twenty-four months after the date of initial licensure,
322 during the month of such person's birth, apply for renewal of such
323 license or certificate to the Department of Public Health, giving such
324 person's name in full, such person's residence and business address and
325 such other information as the department requests.

326 (2) Each person holding a license or certificate issued under section
327 19a-514, and chapters 384a, 384c, 384d, 386, 387, 388 and 398 shall apply
328 for renewal of such license or certificate once every two years, during
329 the month of such person's birth, giving such person's name in full, such
330 person's residence and business address and such other information as
331 the department requests.

332 (3) Each person holding a certificate issued under section 20-195ttt
333 shall apply for renewal of such certificate once every three years, during
334 the month of such person's birth, giving such person's name in full, such
335 person's residence and business address and such other information as
336 the department requests.

337 (4) Each person holding a license or certificate issued pursuant to
338 chapter 400c shall, annually, during the month of such person's birth,
339 apply for renewal of such license or certificate to the department. Each
340 lead training provider certified pursuant to chapter 400c and each
341 asbestos training provider certified pursuant to chapter 400a shall,
342 annually, during the anniversary month of such training provider's
343 initial certification, apply for renewal of such certificate to the
344 department.

345 (5) Each entity holding a license issued pursuant to section 20-475
346 shall, annually, during the anniversary month of initial licensure, apply
347 for renewal of such license or certificate to the department.

348 (6) Each person holding a license issued pursuant to section 20-162bb
349 shall, annually, during the month of such person's birth, apply for
350 renewal of such license to the Department of Public Health, upon

351 payment of a fee of three hundred twenty dollars, giving such person's
352 name in full, such person's residence and business address and such
353 other information as the department requests.

354 (7) Each person holding a license issued pursuant to section 20-278h
355 shall, once every two years, during the anniversary month of initial
356 licensure, apply for renewal of such license to the department.

357 (8) Each person holding a certificate pursuant to section 501 of this
358 act shall, on or before three years after the date of issuance of an initial
359 or renewal certification, apply for renewal of such certificate to the
360 department.

361 Sec. 505. Subsection (e) of section 19a-88 of the 2026 supplement to
362 the general statutes, as amended by section 197 of public act 25-168, is
363 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
364 *2026*):

365 (e) (1) Each person holding a license or certificate issued under
366 section 19a-514, 20-65k, 20-74s, 20-185k, 20-185l, 20-195cc or 20-206ll and
367 chapters 370 to 373, inclusive, 375, 378 to 381a, inclusive, 383 to 383c,
368 inclusive, 383g, 384, 384a, 384b, 385, 393a, 395, 399 or 400a and section
369 20-206n or 20-206o shall, annually, or, in the case of a person holding a
370 license as a marital and family therapist associate under section 20-195c
371 on or before twenty-four months after the date of initial licensure,
372 during the month of such person's birth, apply for renewal of such
373 license or certificate to the Department of Public Health, giving such
374 person's name in full, such person's residence and business address and
375 such other information as the department requests.

376 (2) Each person holding a license or certificate issued under section
377 19a-514, and chapters 382e, 384a, 384c, 384d, 386, 387, 388 and 398 shall
378 apply for renewal of such license or certificate once every two years,
379 during the month of such person's birth, giving such person's name in
380 full, such person's residence and business address and such other
381 information as the department requests.

382 (3) Each person holding a certificate issued under section 20-195ttt
383 shall apply for renewal of such certificate once every three years, during
384 the month of such person's birth, giving such person's name in full, such
385 person's residence and business address and such other information as
386 the department requests.

387 (4) Each person holding a license or certificate issued pursuant to
388 chapter 400c shall, annually, during the month of such person's birth,
389 apply for renewal of such license or certificate to the department. Each
390 lead training provider certified pursuant to chapter 400c and each
391 asbestos training provider certified pursuant to chapter 400a shall,
392 annually, during the anniversary month of such training provider's
393 initial certification, apply for renewal of such certificate to the
394 department.

395 (5) Each entity holding a license issued pursuant to section 20-475
396 shall, annually, during the anniversary month of initial licensure, apply
397 for renewal of such license or certificate to the department.

398 (6) Each person holding a license issued pursuant to section 20-162bb
399 shall, annually, during the month of such person's birth, apply for
400 renewal of such license to the Department of Public Health, upon
401 payment of a fee of three hundred twenty dollars, giving such person's
402 name in full, such person's residence and business address and such
403 other information as the department requests.

404 (7) Each person holding a license issued pursuant to section 20-278h
405 shall, once every two years, during the anniversary month of initial
406 licensure, apply for renewal of such license to the department.

407 (8) Each person holding a certificate pursuant to section 501 of this
408 act shall, on or before three years after the date of issuance of an initial
409 or renewal certification, apply for renewal of such certificate to the
410 department.

411 Sec. 506. Subsection (n) of section 25-32 of the general statutes is
412 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*

413 2026):

414 (n) (1) On and after the effective date of regulations adopted under
415 this subsection, no person shall operate any water treatment plant,
416 water distribution system or small water system that treats or supplies
417 water used or intended for use by the public, test any backflow
418 prevention device, perform a cross connection survey without a
419 certificate issued by the commissioner under this subsection or operate
420 any water treatment plant or water distribution system as an operator-
421 in-training unless such person is issued a certificate by the
422 commissioner under this subsection. The commissioner shall adopt
423 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to provide: (A) Standards for
424 the operation of such water treatment plants, water distribution systems
425 and small water systems; (B) standards and procedures for the issuance
426 of certificates to operators and operators-in-training of such water
427 treatment plants and water distribution systems and operators of small
428 water systems, including, but not limited to, standards and procedures
429 for the department's approval of third parties to administer certification
430 examinations to such operators and operators-in-training; (C)
431 procedures for the renewal of such certificates to operators every three
432 years; (D) standards for training required for the issuance or renewal of
433 a certificate; (E) standards and procedures for the department's
434 approval of course providers and courses of study as they relate to
435 certified operators and certified operators-in-training of water treatment
436 plants and water distribution systems and certified operators of small
437 water systems and certified persons who test backflow prevention
438 devices or perform cross connection surveys for initial and renewal
439 applications; and (F) standards and procedures for the issuance and
440 renewal of certificates to persons who test backflow prevention devices
441 or perform cross connection surveys. Such regulations shall be
442 consistent with applicable federal law and guidelines for operator
443 certification programs promulgated by the United States Environmental
444 Protection Agency. For purposes of this subsection, "small water
445 system" means a public water system, as defined in section 25-33d, that
446 serves less than one thousand persons and has no treatment or has only

447 treatment that does not require any chemical treatment, process
448 adjustment, backwashing or media regeneration by an operator.

449 (2) The commissioner may take any disciplinary action set forth in
450 section 19a-17, except for the assessment of a civil penalty under
451 subdivision (7) of subsection (a) of section 19a-17, against an operator,
452 an operator-in-training, a person who tests backflow prevention devices
453 or a person who performs cross connection surveys holding a certificate
454 issued under this subsection for any of the following reasons: (A) Fraud
455 or material deception in procuring a certificate, the renewal of a
456 certificate or the reinstatement of a certificate; (B) fraud or material
457 deception in the performance of the certified operator's or certified
458 operator-in-training's professional activities; (C) incompetent, negligent
459 or illegal performance of the certified operator's or certified operator-in-
460 training's professional activities; (D) conviction of the certified operator
461 or certified operator-in-training for a felony; or (E) failure of the certified
462 operator or certified operator-in-training to complete the training
463 required under subdivision (1) of this subsection.

464 (3) The commissioner may issue an initial certificate to perform a
465 function set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection upon receipt of a
466 completed application, in a form prescribed by the commissioner,
467 together with an application fee as follows: (A) For a water treatment
468 plant, water distribution system or small water system operator
469 certificate, or operator-in-training certificate for a water treatment plant
470 or water distribution system, two hundred twenty-four dollars, except
471 there shall be no such application fee required for a student enrolled in
472 an accredited high school small water system operator certification
473 course; (B) for a backflow prevention device tester certificate, one
474 hundred fifty-four dollars; and (C) for a cross-connection survey
475 inspector certificate, one hundred fifty-four dollars. A certificate issued
476 pursuant to this subdivision shall expire three years from the date of
477 issuance unless renewed by the certificate holder prior to such
478 expiration date, except a certificate issued for an operator-in-training
479 pursuant to this section shall expire six years from the date of issuance

480 and shall not be renewable. The commissioner may renew a certificate,
481 other than a certificate for an operator-in-training, for an additional
482 three years upon receipt of a completed renewal application, in a form
483 prescribed by the commissioner, together with a renewal application fee
484 as follows: (i) For a water treatment plant, water distribution system or
485 small water system operator certificate, ninety-eight dollars; (ii) for a
486 backflow prevention device tester certificate, sixty-nine dollars; and (iii)
487 for a cross-connection survey inspector certificate, sixty-nine dollars.

488 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (3) of this
489 subsection, the commissioner may issue a certification to an applicant
490 for water treatment plant operator, water distribution system operator
491 or small water system operator under this subsection upon receiving
492 such applicant's written application, in a form and manner prescribed
493 by the commissioner, if the applicant (A) is an apprentice registered
494 with the Labor Department, (B) has successfully completed an
495 apprenticeship approved by the Labor Department and conducted in
496 accordance with sections 31-22m to 31-22u, inclusive, for the type of
497 system for which the apprentice is seeking certification, and (C) has
498 passed a written examination prescribed in the regulations of
499 Connecticut state agencies after completion of an approved registered
500 apprenticeship program for the classification level sought for
501 certification. An apprentice shall provide written notification to the
502 department not later than ten days before participating in such
503 apprenticeship program. Such written notification shall be in a form and
504 manner prescribed by the commissioner and shall include, but need not
505 be limited to, information regarding the entity providing the
506 apprenticeship program and the certified water operator or operators
507 directly supervising such program. A registered apprentice shall be
508 under direct supervision of a certified water operator of the type of
509 system for which the apprentice is seeking certification but shall not
510 make any process and system integrity decisions concerning the quality
511 and quantity of water that affects public health. Failure of a certified
512 water operator to provide the supervision or training required under
513 this section shall be grounds for disciplinary action against the certified

514 water operator pursuant to the provisions of this section."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 502	<i>from passage</i>	19a-14(c)
Sec. 503	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	19a-14(c)
Sec. 504	<i>from passage</i>	19a-88(e)
Sec. 505	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	19a-88(e)
Sec. 506	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	25-32(n)