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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 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 21a-150 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

5 For the purposes of this section and sections 21a-150a to 21a-150j,
6 inclusive, as amended by this act:

7 (1) "Approved laboratory" means a laboratory [registered] certified
8 by the Department of Public Health pursuant to section 19a-29a, as
9 amended by this act, or certified by the United States Environmental
10 Protection Agency to analyze drinking water;

11 (2) "Approved source" means the source of any bottled water,

12 including, but not limited to, a spring, artesian well, drilled well or
13 public water supply, that, for a source located in the state, has been
14 inspected and approved by the Department of Public Health, or for a
15 source located out of state, has been inspected and approved by the
16 government entities having jurisdiction to regulate the use of such out-
17 of-state source;

18 (3) "Artesian well water" means bottled natural water obtained from
19 a well tapping an aquifer in which the level of the water is above the
20 bottom of the confining bed of the aquifer and in which the hydraulic
21 pressure of the water in the aquifer is greater than the atmospheric
22 pressure;

23 (4) "Bottled water", or any term of similar import, means water
24 obtained from an approved source that is packaged for sale or
25 distribution. "Bottled water" shall not include any soda or seltzer that is
26 packaged for sale or distribution;

27 (5) "Bottler" means any person, firm or corporation engaging in the
28 business of bottling or distributing water for sale or distribution;

29 (6) "Distilled water" means purified water that has been produced by
30 a process of distillation;

31 (7) "Drinking water" means bottled water that has been distilled,
32 fluoridated or purified or that has been disinfected by a process of
33 ozonation and filtration or any substantially similar disinfection
34 process;

35 (8) "Fluoridated water" means bottled water that contains fluoride
36 ions in an amount not less than eight-tenths of one milligram per liter
37 and not more than one and two-tenths milligrams per liter or such
38 alternative concentration limit as the Commissioner of Consumer
39 Protection, with the advice and assistance of the Commissioner of Public
40 Health, may determine by regulations adopted in accordance with the
41 provisions of chapter 54 and that otherwise complies with the
42 provisions of Subsections (b), (c) and (d) of 21 CFR 165.110;

43 (9) "Mineral water" means natural water that contains not less than
44 five hundred parts per million total dissolved solids;

45 (10) "Natural water" means bottled spring water, artesian well water
46 or well water, that has been obtained from any approved source other
47 than a public water supply and that has not been modified by blending
48 with water from any other source or by the addition or deletion of any
49 mineral other than any addition or deletion that may occur as a result of
50 ozonation, filtration or any other substantially similar disinfection
51 process;

52 (11) "Perfluoroalkyl substance" means perfluorooctanoic acid,
53 perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, perfluorononoic acid, perfluorohexane
54 sulfonic acid, hexafluoropropylene oxide dimer acid or any other
55 perfluoroalkyl substance that is listed in 40 CFR 141.903, as amended
56 from time to time, or set forth in regulations adopted pursuant to section
57 25-32, as amended by this act;

58 [(11)] (12) "Principal display panel" means the portion of a label on
59 any container or package that is most likely to be displayed, presented
60 or examined under normal and customary conditions of display and
61 purchase of bottled water;

62 [(12)] (13) "Public water supply" means any individual, partnership,
63 association, corporation, municipality or other entity, or the lessee
64 thereof, that owns, maintains, operates, manages, controls or employs
65 any pond, lake, reservoir, well, stream or distributing plant or system
66 for the purpose of supplying water by service connections or pipe
67 distribution systems to two or more hotels, motels, boardinghouses,
68 apartments, stores, office buildings, institutions, mechanical or
69 manufacturing establishments or other places of business or industry to
70 which water is supplied by a water company or to twenty-five or more
71 persons on a regular basis;

72 [(13)] (14) "Purified water" means bottled water that is produced by
73 distillation, deionization, reverse osmosis or any other suitable process

74 and that meets standards established for purified water in the twentieth
75 edition of the United States Pharmacopoeia;

76 [(14)] (15) "Spring water" means natural water obtained from an
77 underground formation from which water flows naturally to the surface
78 of the earth; [and]

79 (16) "Unregulated contaminant" means any chemical, physical,
80 biological or radiological substance in a bottled water source, except a
81 perfluoroalkyl substance, for which there is no state or federal statutory
82 or regulatory drinking water health standard, and that is listed in 40
83 CFR 141.40, as amended from time to time; and

84 [(15)] (17) "Well water" means natural water obtained from a hole
85 bored, drilled or otherwise constructed in the ground, that taps the
86 water of an aquifer.

87 Sec. 2. Subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 21a-150a of the
88 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
89 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

90 (2) A bottler selling or distributing bottled water obtained from a
91 source located in the state shall obtain approval for the use of such
92 source from the Department of Public Health. The Department of Public
93 Health shall inspect each bottled water source located in the state and,
94 if such source meets quality and safety requirements, issue an approval
95 for such source. An approval issued by the Department of Public Health
96 pursuant to this subsection shall contain any terms or conditions
97 deemed necessary by the Commissioner of Public Health to address the
98 quality and safety of the source and shall expire three years from the
99 date of issue.

100 Sec. 3. Subsection (c) of section 21a-150b of the general statutes is
101 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
102 *1, 2026*):

103 (c) (1) The Commissioner of Public Health shall issue a schedule

104 containing (A) a list of perfluoroalkyl substances and unregulated
105 contaminants, and (B) acceptable levels for (i) such perfluoroalkyl
106 substances, based on levels set forth in 40 CFR 141.903, as amended from
107 time to time, and (ii) unregulated contaminants, based on levels set forth
108 in 40 CFR 141.903, as amended from time to time.

109 [(c)] (2) On or before January 1, [2022] 2027, and annually thereafter,
110 qualified employees of a bottler shall [(1)] (A) collect samples of water
111 from each approved source that is located in the state, that has been
112 inspected and approved by the Department of Public Health pursuant
113 to subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 21a-150a, as amended by
114 this act, and is used by such bottler, prior to any treatment, to test for
115 compliance with the (i) levels or standards governing perfluoroalkyl
116 substances and [other] unregulated contaminants established in the
117 most recent schedule issued pursuant to subdivision (1) of this
118 subsection, and (ii) physical, chemical, radiological and microbiological
119 standards established in regulations adopted pursuant to section 25-32,
120 as amended by this act, and [(2)] (B) have such samples analyzed by an
121 environmental laboratory [registered] certified by the Department of
122 Public Health pursuant to section 19a-29a, as amended by this act, that
123 has the Environmental Protection Agency approved certification to
124 conduct such analysis. [As used in this subsection, "unregulated
125 contaminant" means a contaminant for which the Commissioner of
126 Public Health, pursuant to section 22a-471, has set a level at which such
127 contaminant creates or can reasonably be expected to create an
128 unacceptable risk of injury to the health or safety of persons drinking
129 such source of water.]

130 Sec. 4. Subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 21a-150c of the
131 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
132 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

133 (2) Collect, not less than once annually, a representative sample from
134 a batch or segment of a continuous production of each type of bottled
135 water sold by such bottler in this state, and have such sample analyzed
136 by an approved laboratory to determine whether such sample complies

137 with the chemical, inorganic, organic, physical and radiological
138 standards set forth in regulations adopted by the Department of Public
139 Health pursuant to section [19a-36] 25-32, as amended by this act,
140 concerning public drinking water. Each bottler that uses water obtained
141 from an out-of-state source may meet the requirements of this
142 subdivision by demonstrating compliance with substantially similar
143 standards established by the government entity having jurisdiction to
144 regulate the use of such source.

145 Sec. 5. Subsection (d) of section 21a-150d of the general statutes is
146 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
147 *1, 2026*):

148 (d) A bottler shall report, in a form and manner prescribed by the
149 Commissioner of Public Health, the results of the analysis conducted
150 pursuant to subsection (c) of section 21a-150b, as amended by this act,
151 to the Department of Public Health and the Department of Consumer
152 Protection not later than nine calendar days after receipt of the results
153 from the environmental laboratory. If such results [exceed the level set
154 by the Commissioner of Public Health pursuant to section 22a-471 for
155 such perfluoroalkyl substances and other unregulated contaminants] do
156 not meet the requirements for (1) levels or standards governing
157 perfluoroalkyl substances and unregulated contaminants established
158 pursuant to the provisions of section 21a-150b, as amended by this act,
159 or (2) physical, chemical, radiological and microbiological standards
160 established in regulations adopted pursuant to section 25-32, as
161 amended by this act, the Department of Public Health may require such
162 bottler to discontinue use of its approved source until such source [no
163 longer creates an unacceptable risk of injury to the health or safety of
164 persons drinking the bottled water that comes from such source] meets
165 the requirements for such levels or standards. The Department of Public
166 Health shall notify the Department of Consumer Protection of any
167 source for which the Department of Public Health has discontinued use
168 until such source no longer creates an unacceptable risk of injury to the
169 health or safety of the persons drinking the bottled water that comes

170 from such source. [As used in this subsection, "unregulated
171 contaminant" means a contaminant for which the Commissioner of
172 Public Health, pursuant to section 22a-471, has set a level at which such
173 contaminant creates or can reasonably be expected to create an
174 unacceptable risk of injury to the health or safety of the persons drinking
175 such source of water.]

176 Sec. 6. Section 19a-37k of the general statutes is repealed and the
177 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

178 The owner of any residential or commercial property shall notify each
179 tenant of any leased or rented unit located on such property and the
180 lessee of such property whenever any testing of the water supply for
181 such property indicates that the water exceeds [a] any maximum
182 contaminant level [applicable to] for water supply systems [for any
183 contaminant listed] set forth in the regulations of Connecticut state
184 agencies or for [any contaminant listed on the state drinking water
185 action level list established pursuant to section 22a-471] perfluoroalkyl
186 substances and unregulated contaminants established pursuant to the
187 provisions of section 21a-150b, as amended by this act. As soon as
188 practicable, but not later than forty-eight hours after receiving
189 notification of the results of such testing, the owner shall forward a copy
190 of such notification to each such tenant and lessee. The local director of
191 health shall take all reasonable steps to verify that such owner
192 forwarded the notice required pursuant to this section.

193 Sec. 7. Section 19a-29a of the general statutes is repealed and the
194 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

195 (a) As used in this section:

196 (1) "Environmental laboratory" means any facility or other area,
197 including, but not limited to, an outdoor area where testing occurs, used
198 for microbiological, chemical, radiological or other analyte testing of
199 drinking waters, ground waters, sea waters, rivers, streams and surface
200 waters, recreational waters, fresh water sources, wastewaters,

201 swimming pools, construction, renovation and demolition building
202 materials, soil, solid waste, animal and plant tissues, sewage, sewage
203 effluent, sewage sludge or any other matrix for the purpose of providing
204 information on the sanitary quality or the amount of pollution or any
205 substance prejudicial to health or the environment. "Environmental
206 laboratory" does not include a publicly-owned treatment works, as
207 defined in section 22a-521, that performs only physical, residue,
208 microbiological and biological oxygen demand tests for its own facility
209 for which results are required by or submitted to the Department of
210 Energy and Environmental Protection to comply with permits or
211 authorizations issued pursuant to section 22a-6k, 22a-430 or 22a-430b,
212 or a pollution abatement facility, as defined in either section 22a-423 or
213 22a-475, that tests for pH, turbidity, conductivity, salinity and oxidation-
214 reduction potential, and tests for residual chlorine for its own facility for
215 which results are required by or submitted to the Department of Energy
216 and Environmental Protection to comply with permits or authorizations
217 issued pursuant to section 22a-6k, 22a-430 or 22a-430b;

218 (2) "Analyte" means a microbiological, chemical, radiological or other
219 component of a matrix being measured by an analytical test; [and]

220 (3) "Certification" means an approval issued by the Department of
221 Public Health to an environmental laboratory to operate and that sets
222 forth the specific analyte that may be tested and specific testing method
223 that may be utilized by the environmental laboratory;

224 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) "Matrix" means the substance or medium in which an analyte
225 [is] may be contained [,] that may include drinking water or wastewater;

226 (5) "Out-of-state environmental laboratory" means an environmental
227 laboratory that is located and physically operates in another state where
228 the results of any testing conducted are used to demonstrate compliance
229 with any statutory or regulatory requirements of this state; and

230 (6) "Service center" means a collection site located in the state
231 operated solely for the purpose of collecting samples to be tested at a

232 certified environmental laboratory or an out-of-state environmental
233 laboratory.

234 (b) The Department of Public Health shall [(1)] adopt regulations, in
235 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to establish [reasonable]
236 standards governing environmental laboratory operations and facilities,
237 including, but not limited to, (1) service centers, (2) personnel
238 qualifications, (3) certification, [for] (4) testing [,] for analytes, (5) levels
239 of acceptable proficiency in testing programs approved by the
240 department, (6) the collection, acceptance and suitability of samples for
241 analysis, and (7) such other pertinent laboratory functions, including the
242 establishment of advisory committees, as may be necessary to ensure
243 environmental quality, public health and safety. [, and (2) establish one
244 or more schedules of the amounts of civil penalties that may be imposed
245 under this section. Each registered environmental laboratory shall
246 comply with all standards for environmental laboratories established by
247 the department and shall be subject to inspection by said department,
248 including inspection of all records necessary to carry out the purposes
249 of this section. The Commissioner of Public Health may revoke or
250 otherwise limit the license of any environmental laboratory that fails to
251 comply with the provisions of this section or regulations adopted under
252 this section.]

253 (c) [The Commissioner of Public Health shall determine whether it is
254 necessary for the protection of the public health or the environment for
255 an environmental laboratory to be registered and to have certification to
256 conduct a test for an analyte in a matrix. If the commissioner determines
257 that it is necessary for the environmental laboratory to be registered,
258 such environmental laboratory shall obtain from the commissioner a
259 certification to conduct such tests for analytes.] No person shall operate,
260 manage, own or control an environmental laboratory that tests for
261 analytes identified on the list published by the commissioner pursuant
262 to subsection (d) of this section for the purpose of providing information
263 on the sanitary quality or the amount of pollution of any substance
264 prejudicial to health or the environment [for which the commissioner

265 has determined registration and certification is required without having
266 first registered and obtained such certification] without a certification.
267 The commissioner shall not issue a certification to an environmental
268 laboratory until such environmental laboratory demonstrates
269 compliance with applicable statutory and regulatory requirements.

270 (d) The commissioner shall, annually, publish a list setting forth all
271 analytes and matrices for which a certification for testing is required.
272 Such list shall include the specific methods acceptable for all testing of
273 analytes and matrices.

274 (e) Each application for [registration of an environmental laboratory
275 and for certification for testing any analyte] certification shall be (1)
276 made on forms provided by said department, [shall be] (2) except for an
277 environmental lab owned or operated by the state, accompanied by a
278 fee of one thousand two hundred fifty dollars, and [shall be] (3) executed
279 by the owner or owners or by a responsible officer authorized to do so
280 by the agency, [firm or corporation] person or entity owning the
281 environmental laboratory. Upon receipt of any such application, the
282 department shall make such inspections and investigations as are
283 necessary and shall deny [registration] certification when operation of
284 the environmental laboratory would be in violation of applicable
285 statutes or regulations or prejudicial to the health of the public.
286 [Registration] Certification shall not be in force until notice of its
287 effective date and term has been sent to the applicant.

288 (f) Each [registration or] certification shall be issued for a period of
289 not less than twenty-four or more than twenty-seven months. [from any
290 deadline for applications established by the commissioner.] Renewal
291 applications shall be made (1) biennially within the twenty-fourth
292 month of the current registration; (2) before any change in ownership is
293 made; and (3) prior to any major expansion or alteration in, or changing
294 of, quarters.

295 (g) This section shall not apply to any environmental laboratory that
296 only provides laboratory services or information for the agency, person

297 [firm or corporation] or entity which owns or operates such laboratory
298 and uses laboratory results solely for such agency's, person's or entity's
299 own information. No agency, person or entity shall use such results to
300 demonstrate compliance with any statutory or regulatory requirement.

301 (h) If, upon review, investigation or inspection, the [Commissioner of
302 Public Health determines an] commissioner determines a certified
303 environmental laboratory has violated any provision of this section or
304 regulations adopted under this section, the commissioner may impose
305 a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars per violation per day
306 and issue such other orders as the commissioner determines necessary
307 to protect the public health. Upon notice of the issuance of an order or
308 imposition of the civil penalty, the commissioner shall provide the
309 environmental laboratory with an opportunity for a hearing. The
310 commissioner (1) may take any of the actions authorized under section
311 19a-494 against an environmental laboratory that fails to comply with
312 the provisions of this section or regulations adopted thereunder, and (2)
313 shall summarily suspend the certification of an environmental
314 laboratory in advance of a final adjudication or during the appeals
315 process if the commissioner finds that the environmental laboratory
316 presents a clear and present danger to the public health and safety if
317 allowed to continue operating. Governmental immunity shall not be a
318 defense against the imposition of any civil penalty imposed pursuant to
319 this section. In determining the amount of the civil penalty to be
320 imposed on an environmental laboratory, the commissioner shall
321 consider the degree of the threat to public health or the environment,
322 the amount necessary to achieve compliance, and the history of
323 compliance [of] by the environmental laboratory. Any order or civil
324 penalty issued under this provision may be appealed in accordance with
325 the provisions of section 4-183.

326 (i) The failure of an environmental laboratory to pay a civil penalty
327 imposed by the commissioner shall be grounds for revocation of the
328 environmental laboratory's [registration and certification for testing]
329 certification.

330 (j) The commissioner may order an [unregistered] environmental
331 laboratory that is not certified to test an analyte to cease operations. The
332 commissioner may impose a civil fine not to exceed five thousand
333 dollars per violation per day to an environmental laboratory for
334 operating without a certification.

335 (k) The commissioner may request the Attorney General to petition
336 the Superior Court for an order to aid in enforcement of any provision
337 of this section.

338 (l) An out-of-state environmental laboratory that has not been issued
339 a certification by the commissioner shall not operate a service center
340 without obtaining approval from the commissioner. An out-of-state
341 environmental laboratory seeking to operate a service center shall apply
342 for such approval in a form and manner prescribed by the
343 commissioner. The commissioner may approve a service center
344 operated by an out-of-state environmental laboratory if such
345 environmental laboratory demonstrates that (1) it maintains an active
346 certification from the state in which the environmental laboratory is
347 located to test for an analyte using a specific method on the list
348 published pursuant to subsection (d) of this section; and (2) the policies
349 and procedures governing the service center are sufficient to protect the
350 integrity of the samples to be tested. Such approval shall expire not later
351 than two years after the date on which the commissioner issues an initial
352 approval and may be renewed for a period of two years in a form and
353 manner prescribed by the commissioner. The commissioner may inspect
354 a service center operated by an out-of-state environmental laboratory at
355 any time. The commissioner may revoke an approval obtained pursuant
356 to the provisions of this subsection if the commissioner determines that
357 revocation is necessary to protect the public health. The commissioner
358 may issue a civil fine up to five thousand dollars if the commissioner
359 determines that the out-of-state environmental laboratory violated any
360 provision of this section or regulations adopted thereunder per violation
361 per day. In assessing the amount of such civil penalty, the commissioner
362 shall consider the factors described in subsection (h) of this section.

363 Upon notice of the imposition of the civil penalty, the commissioner
364 shall provide the out-of-state environmental laboratory with an
365 opportunity for a hearing. Any revocation or civil penalty issued under
366 this subsection may be appealed in accordance with the provisions of
367 section 4-183.

368 Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 19a-14d of the general statutes is
369 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
370 *1, 2026*):

371 (a) An occupational or professional license, permit, certification or
372 registration issued by the Department of Public Health pursuant to
373 chapter 368v, 370, 372, 373, 375, 375a, 376, 376a, 376b, 376c, 377, 378,
374 378a, 379, 379a, 380, 381, 381a, 381b, 382a, 382b, 382c, 383, 383a, 383b,
375 383c, 383d, 383e, 383f, 383g, 383h, 384, 384a, 384b, 384c, 384d, 385, 386,
376 387, 387a, 388, 388a, 393a, 395, 397a, 398, 399, [400a,] 400c or 474 shall be
377 issued, in the occupation or profession applied for and at a practice level
378 determined by the department, to a person, including, but not limited
379 to, an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States or
380 such person's spouse, if:

381 (1) The person holds a valid license, permit, certification or
382 registration in at least one other jurisdiction in the United States in the
383 occupation or profession applied for;

384 (2) The person has practiced under such license, permit, certification
385 or registration for not less than four years;

386 (3) The person is in good standing in all jurisdictions in the United
387 States in which he or she holds a license, permit, certification or
388 registration and has not had a license, permit, certification or
389 registration revoked or discipline imposed by any jurisdiction in the
390 United States, does not have a complaint, allegation or investigation
391 related to unprofessional conduct pending in any jurisdiction, and has
392 not voluntarily surrendered a license, permit, certification or
393 registration while under investigation for unprofessional conduct in any

394 jurisdiction;

395 (4) The person satisfies any background check or character and fitness
396 check required of other applicants for the license, permit, certification or
397 registration; and

398 (5) The person pays all fees required of other applicants for the
399 license, permit, certification or registration.

400 Sec. 9. Section 19a-332 of the general statutes is repealed and the
401 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

402 As used in subsection (c) of section 19a-14 and sections 19a-332 to
403 19a-332e, inclusive, as amended by this act, 20-435 to 20-442, inclusive,
404 as amended by this act, and 52-577a:

405 (1) "Asbestos" means the asbestiform varieties of actinolite, amosite,
406 anthophyllite, chrysotile, crocidolite and tremolite;

407 (2) "Asbestos abatement" means the removal, encapsulation,
408 enclosure, renovation, repair, demolition or other disturbance of
409 asbestos-containing materials or suspect asbestos-containing materials,
410 but does not include activities which are related to (A) the removal or
411 repair of asbestos cement pipe and are performed by employees of a
412 water company as defined in section 25-32a, or (B) the removal of
413 nonfriable asbestos-containing material found exterior to a building or
414 structure other than material defined as regulated asbestos-containing
415 material in 40 CFR 61, the National Emission Standards for Hazardous
416 Air Pollutants, as amended from time to time;

417 (3) "Asbestos abatement worker" means any employee of a licensed
418 asbestos contractor who engages in asbestos abatement, has completed
419 a training program approved by the department and has been issued a
420 certificate by the [department] commissioner;

421 (4) "Asbestos abatement site supervisor" means any asbestos
422 abatement worker employed by a licensed asbestos contractor who has

423 been specifically trained as a supervisor in a training program approved
424 by the [department] commissioner and who has been issued a certificate
425 by the [department] commissioner;

426 (5) "Asbestos-containing material" means material composed of
427 asbestos of any type and in an amount equal to or greater than one per
428 cent by weight, either alone or mixed with other fibrous or nonfibrous
429 material;

430 (6) "Asbestos contractor" means any person or entity engaged in
431 asbestos abatement [whose employees actually perform] that actually
432 performs the asbestos abatement work and who has been issued a
433 license by the commissioner;

434 (7) "Asbestos consultant" means any person who engages in any
435 activity directly involved with asbestos consultation services and who
436 has been issued a [certificate] license by the commissioner; [and a license
437 by the department;]

438 (8) "Asbestos consultation services" means the inspection or
439 evaluation of a building for asbestos hazards, including, but not limited
440 to, the development of asbestos abatement plans, site inspections, air
441 monitoring and provisions of industrial hygiene services related to
442 asbestos abatement;

443 (9) "Authorized agent" means an officer or employee duly designated
444 by the commissioner;

445 (10) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Public Health;

446 (11) "Department" means the Department of Public Health; and

447 (12) "Suspect asbestos-containing materials" means interior and
448 exterior materials that have a reasonable likelihood of containing
449 asbestos based on their appearance, composition and use.

450 Sec. 10. Section 20-435 of the general statutes is repealed and the
451 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

452 [On and after one year following the effective date of regulations
453 adopted pursuant to section 20-440, no] No person or entity shall
454 provide services as an asbestos contractor in this state without a license
455 issued by the Commissioner of Public Health. A person who provides
456 services as an asbestos contractor shall not perform any duties
457 associated with those of an asbestos abatement site supervisor unless
458 such person is certified pursuant to the provisions of section 20-438, as
459 amended by this act. Applications for such license shall be made to the
460 Department of Public Health on forms provided by it, shall be
461 accompanied by a fee of six hundred twenty-five dollars and shall
462 contain such information regarding the applicant's qualifications as the
463 [department] commissioner may require in regulations adopted
464 pursuant to section 20-440, as amended by this act, including, but not
465 limited to, proof of a valid certification as an asbestos abatement site
466 supervisor if the applicant is an individual, and documentation
467 demonstrating that all employees have passed a training course, as
468 defined in section 20-439, as amended by this act, approved by the
469 [department and have been issued a certificate by the department]
470 commissioner. The department shall approve the technical, equipment
471 and personnel resources of each applicant. No person or entity shall be
472 issued a license to act as an asbestos contractor unless [he] such person
473 or entity obtains such approval. The commissioner may issue a license
474 under this section to any person [who] or entity that is licensed in
475 another state under a law [which] that provides standards which are
476 equal to or higher than those of Connecticut and is not subject to any
477 unresolved complaints or pending disciplinary actions. Licenses issued
478 pursuant to this section shall be renewed annually in accordance with
479 the provisions of section 19a-88, as amended by this act, upon payment
480 of a fee of six hundred twenty-five dollars.

481 Sec. 11. Section 20-436 of the general statutes is repealed and the
482 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

483 (a) [On and after one year following the effective date of regulations
484 adopted pursuant to section 20-440, no] No person shall [act as an]

485 provide asbestos consultant services in this state without a license
486 issued by the commissioner. Applications for such license shall be made
487 to the department on forms provided by it, and shall be accompanied
488 by a fee of two hundred fifty dollars, and shall contain such information
489 regarding the applicant's qualifications and experience [in asbestos-
490 related consultations as the department] related to asbestos consultation
491 services, including supervised field experience related to asbestos
492 consultation services, as the commissioner may require in regulations
493 adopted pursuant to section 20-440, as amended by this act. [Except as
494 provided in this section, no person shall be licensed as an asbestos
495 consultant unless he completes a training course approved by the
496 department, passes an examination prescribed by the department,
497 receives a certificate issued by the department and satisfies employment
498 experience and educational requirements established by the
499 commissioner pursuant to section 20-441.] An applicant may apply for
500 licensure as an asbestos consultant in one or more of the asbestos
501 consultant services disciplines of inspector, management planner,
502 project designer or project monitor. The commissioner shall not issue a
503 license pursuant to the provisions of this section unless an applicant (1)
504 has successfully completed a training program approved by the
505 commissioner pursuant to the provisions of section 20-439, as amended
506 by this act, in the applicant's chosen asbestos consultant services
507 discipline, and (2) satisfies the experience and educational requirements
508 established in regulations adopted by the commissioner pursuant to
509 section 20-440, as amended by this act. Notwithstanding the provisions
510 of this subsection, an applicant need not be licensed while in the process
511 of completing any supervised field experience requirements required by
512 regulations adopted pursuant to section 20-440, as amended by this act.

513 (b) The commissioner may issue a license under this section without
514 examination to any person who is licensed in another state under a law
515 [which] that provides standards equal to or higher than those of
516 Connecticut and is not subject to any unresolved complaints or pending
517 disciplinary actions. Licenses issued pursuant to this section shall be
518 renewed annually in accordance with the provisions of section 19a-88,

519 as amended by this act, upon payment of a fee of two hundred fifty
520 dollars.

521 [(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
522 a person who between July 1, 1985, and November 1, 1994, has been
523 employed for a minimum of two years as an asbestos consultant may be
524 licensed as an asbestos consultant without the educational requirements
525 established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.]

526 Sec. 12. Section 20-437 of the general statutes is repealed and the
527 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

528 [On and after one year following the effective date of regulations
529 adopted pursuant to section 20-440, no] No person shall be employed as
530 an asbestos abatement worker unless such [worker] person has
531 completed a training program on asbestos hazards and abatement
532 procedures approved by the [department] commissioner pursuant to
533 section 20-439, as amended by this act, and has been issued a certificate
534 by the [department] commissioner. Applications for such certificate
535 shall be made to the department on forms provided by the department
536 and shall contain such information regarding the applicant's
537 qualifications as may be required in regulations adopted pursuant to
538 section 20-440, as amended by this act, and shall be accompanied by a
539 fee of fifty dollars. The [department] commissioner may issue a
540 certificate under this section to any person who is licensed or certified
541 in another state under a law [which] that provides standards which are
542 equal to or higher than those of this state, provided such person is not
543 subject to any unresolved complaints or pending disciplinary actions.
544 Certificates issued pursuant to this section shall be renewed annually in
545 accordance with the provisions of section 19a-88, as amended by this
546 act, upon payment of a fee of fifty dollars.

547 Sec. 13. Section 20-438 of the general statutes is repealed and the
548 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

549 [On and after one year following the effective date of regulations

550 adopted pursuant to section 20-440, no] No person shall be employed as
551 an asbestos abatement site supervisor unless such [worker] person has
552 completed a training program on the supervision of asbestos abatement
553 approved by the [department] commissioner pursuant to section 20-439,
554 as amended by this act, and has been issued a certificate by the
555 [department] commissioner. Applications for such certificate shall be
556 made to the department on forms provided by the department and shall
557 contain such information regarding the applicant's qualifications as may
558 be required in regulations adopted pursuant to section 20-440, as
559 amended by this act, and shall be accompanied by a fee of one hundred
560 dollars. The [department] commissioner may issue a certificate under
561 this section to any person who is licensed or certified in another state
562 under a law which provides standards which are equal to or higher than
563 those of the state of Connecticut, provided such person is not subject to
564 any unresolved complaints or pending disciplinary actions. Certificates
565 issued pursuant to this section shall be renewed annually in accordance
566 with the provisions of section 19a-88, as amended by this act, upon
567 payment of a fee of one hundred dollars.

568 Sec. 14. Section 20-439 of the general statutes is repealed and the
569 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

570 [For purposes of this section, "asbestos training provider"] (a) As used
571 in this section: (1) "Asbestos training provider" means a person or entity
572 that offers a training program for asbestos abatement or asbestos
573 [consultation] consultant services and [certifies] issues a certificate of
574 completion for asbestos abatement workers, asbestos abatement site
575 supervisors [and] or asbestos consultants [. On and after October 1, 2017,
576 each asbestos training provider shall be certified by the department. The
577 department shall issue an initial certification of a provider upon the
578 provider's completion of an application and payment of a fee of fifty
579 dollars. The certification] in accordance with the requirements of the
580 United States Environmental Protection Agency's model accreditation
581 plan or equivalent training standards recognized by the commissioner;
582 and (2) "training course" means a specific course offered as part of a

583 training program by a certified asbestos training provider for asbestos
584 abatement, asbestos site supervision or asbestos consultant services and
585 approved in accordance with this section.

586 (b) No person or entity shall act as an asbestos training provider
587 without a certificate issued by the commissioner. The commissioner
588 may issue such certificate upon the (1) applicant's submission of a
589 complete application, (2) payment of a fee of fifty dollars, and (3)
590 commissioner's determination that the applicant complies with any
591 requirements established in regulations adopted pursuant to section 20-
592 440, as amended by this act, including, but not limited to, standards for
593 the qualifications of instructors, recordkeeping and documentation
594 requirements for training course completion. Each certificate issued
595 pursuant to this section shall be renewed annually in accordance with
596 the provisions of subsection (e) of section 19a-88, as amended by this act,
597 upon payment of a fee of fifty dollars.

598 (c) An asbestos training provider shall submit any training program
599 to the commissioner for approval prior to implementing such training
600 program. The [department] commissioner shall approve a training
601 program for asbestos abatement or asbestos consultant services,
602 including each training course offered as part of such training program,
603 upon determination that such program complies with the requirements
604 of the United States Environmental Protection Agency's model
605 accreditation plan and such requirements as may be established in
606 regulations adopted pursuant to section 20-440, as amended by this act.
607 An asbestos training provider shall submit each training program to the
608 commissioner for reapproval once every three years. Each application
609 or reapplication for approval of a training program shall be
610 accompanied by a fee of five hundred dollars. Each application for
611 approval or reapproval of a refresher training program [as required by
612 section 20-441] shall be accompanied by a fee of two hundred fifty
613 dollars. Each asbestos training provider shall furnish the department
614 with a list of the persons who have successfully completed [the] a
615 training program or training course [within] not later than thirty days

616 [of] after such completion. The [department] commissioner shall
617 conduct periodic reviews of approved training programs and training
618 courses and may revoke approval of a training program or training
619 course at any time [it] the commissioner determines that the training
620 program or training course fails to meet the requirements of this section
621 or established in such regulations.

622 Sec. 15. Section 20-440 of the general statutes is repealed and the
623 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

624 (a) The commissioner shall adopt regulations in accordance with the
625 provisions of chapter 54 to administer the provisions of subsection (c) of
626 section 19a-14, as amended by this act, and sections [19a-332 and] 20-435
627 to [20-441] 20-442a, inclusive, as amended by this act. Such regulations
628 shall include, but not be limited to, the following: (1) Passing scores for
629 licensure examination of [asbestos consultants] persons licensed
630 pursuant to this chapter; (2) standards for the licensing of asbestos
631 contractors and asbestos consultants in each of the asbestos consultant
632 disciplines and for the certification of asbestos abatement workers and
633 asbestos abatement site supervisors; (3) standards for approval of
634 asbestos training providers and training programs [of asbestos
635 abatement and asbestos consultation services] under section 20-439, as
636 amended by this act, including standards for successful completion of
637 such programs; (4) standards and procedures for suspension and
638 revocation of [certification] licensure of asbestos consultants, asbestos
639 abatement workers and asbestos abatement supervisors; and (5)
640 standards and procedures for suspension and [withdrawal] revocation
641 of approval of training programs.

642 (b) The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with the
643 provisions of chapter 54, to provide for the training of asbestos
644 abatement site supervisors, asbestos abatement workers and asbestos
645 consultants, and for the specification of closely related environmental
646 science degrees. Regulations adopted pursuant to this subsection may
647 include retraining requirements for employees of asbestos contractors.
648 The regulations [required] adopted under [subsection (a) of this section]

649 this subsection shall be revised, as necessary, to ensure that such
650 regulations meet or exceed the requirements of the United States
651 Environmental Protection Agency's model accreditation plan in
652 accordance with federal regulations, as [from time to time] amended
653 from time to time. The commissioner may implement policies and
654 procedures necessary to administer the provisions of this section while
655 in the process of adopting such policies and procedures as regulations,
656 provided notice of intent to adopt regulations is published on the
657 eRegulations System not later than twenty days after the date of
658 implementation. Policies and procedures implemented pursuant to this
659 section shall be valid until final regulations are adopted in accordance
660 with the provisions of chapter 54.

661 Sec. 16. Subsection (a) of section 20-442a of the general statutes is
662 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
663 *1, 2026*):

664 (a) The department may deny an application of [an individual] a
665 person or entity or take any action set forth in section 19a-17 and
666 subsection (f) of section 19a-88 against a person or entity licensed, [or]
667 certified or approved pursuant to chapter 400a for [reasons including,
668 but not limited to,] the following reasons: (1) Conviction of a felony,
669 provided any action taken is based upon (A) the nature of the conviction
670 and its relationship to the license or certificate holder's ability to safely
671 or competently perform the work under such license, (B) information
672 pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the license or certificate
673 holder, and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or release; (2) fraud
674 or deceit in the practice of such person's or entity's profession; (3)
675 negligent, incompetent or wrongful conduct in professional activities;
676 (4) misrepresentation or concealment of a material fact in the obtaining,
677 reinstatement or renewal of a license or certificate; or (5) violation of any
678 provision of chapter 400a, or any regulation adopted thereunder, or
679 chapter 368l. The commissioner may petition the superior court for the
680 judicial district of Hartford to enforce such order or any action taken
681 pursuant to section 19a-17. Notice of any contemplated action under

682 section 19a-17, the cause of action and the date of a hearing on the action
683 shall be given and an opportunity for hearing afforded in accordance
684 with the provisions of chapter 54.

685 Sec. 17. Section 19a-320 of the general statutes is repealed and the
686 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

687 (a) Any resident of this state, or any corporation formed under the
688 law of this state, may erect, maintain and conduct a crematory in this
689 state and provide the necessary appliances and facilities for the disposal
690 by incineration of the bodies of the dead, in accordance with the
691 provisions of this section. The location of such crematory shall be within
692 the confines of an established cemetery containing not less than twenty
693 acres, which cemetery shall have been in existence and operation for at
694 least five years immediately preceding the time of the erection of such
695 crematory, or shall be within the confines of a plot of land approved for
696 the location of a crematory by the selectmen of any town, the mayor and
697 council or board of aldermen of any city and the warden and burgesses
698 of any borough; provided, in any town, city or borough having a zoning
699 commission, such commission shall have the authority to grant such
700 approval. On and after July 1, 2017, no new crematory shall be located
701 within five hundred feet of any residential structure or land for
702 residential purposes not owned by the owner of the crematory. The
703 location requirements in this subsection shall not apply to a crematory
704 performing only alkaline hydrolysis at a funeral home pursuant to
705 subsection (d) of this section.

706 (b) Application for such approval shall be made in writing to the local
707 authority specified in subsection (a) of this section and a hearing shall
708 be held within the town, city or borough in which such location is
709 situated within sixty-five days from the date of receipt of such
710 application. Notice of such hearing shall be given to such applicant by
711 mail, postage paid, to the address given on the application, and to the
712 Commissioner of Public Health, and by publication twice in a
713 newspaper having a substantial circulation in the town, city or borough
714 at intervals of not less than two days, the first being not more than fifteen

715 days or less than ten days, and the second being not less than two days
716 before such hearing. The local authority shall approve or deny such
717 application within sixty-five days after such hearing, provided an
718 extension of time not to exceed a further period of sixty-five days may
719 be had with the consent of the applicant. The grounds for its action shall
720 be stated in the records of the authority. Each applicant shall pay a fee
721 of ten dollars, together with the costs of the publication of such notice
722 and the reasonable expense of such hearing, to the treasurer of such
723 town, city or borough.

724 (c) (1) No such crematory shall be erected until the plans therefor
725 have been filed with and approved by the Department of Public Health;
726 and no such crematory shall be used until it has been inspected and
727 received a certificate of inspection by said department and a fee of one
728 thousand two hundred fifty dollars is paid to the Department of Public
729 Health for its inspection and approval.

730 (2) Each holder of an inspection certificate shall, annually, on or
731 before July first, submit in writing to the Department of Public Health
732 an application for renewal of such certificate together with a fee of three
733 hundred fifteen dollars. If the department issues to such applicant such
734 an inspection certificate, the same shall be valid until July first next
735 following, unless revoked or suspended.

736 (3) Upon receipt of an application for a renewal of such certificate, the
737 Department of Public Health shall make an inspection of each
738 crematory.

739 (4) A crematory shall be open at all times for inspection by the
740 Department of Public Health. The department may make inspections
741 whenever it deems advisable.

742 (5) If, upon inspection by the Department of Public Health, it is found
743 that such crematory is in such condition as to be detrimental to public
744 health, the department shall give to the applicant or operator of the
745 crematory notice and opportunity for hearing as provided in regulations

746 adopted by the Commissioner of Public Health, in accordance with the
747 provisions of chapter 54. The commissioner may, after such hearing,
748 revoke, suspend or refuse to issue or renew any such certificate upon
749 cause found at hearing. Any person aggrieved by the finding of or action
750 taken by the Department of Public Health may appeal therefrom in
751 accordance with the provisions of section 4-183.

752 (6) Any of the inspections provided for in this section may be made
753 by a person designated by the Department of Public Health or by a
754 representative of the Commissioner of Public Health.

755 (d) A crematory that performs alkaline hydrolysis shall be located on
756 the grounds of a funeral home licensed under chapter 385.

757 (e) The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with the
758 provisions of chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this section,
759 including, but not limited to, establishing technical standards for the use
760 of alkaline hydrolysis and other chemical processes for cremation and
761 the disposal of any products or by-products used in such processes.

762 Sec. 18. Section 8-2n of the general statutes is repealed and the
763 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

764 The zoning regulations adopted under section 8-2 or any special act
765 shall not authorize the location of a crematory within five hundred feet
766 of any residential structure or land zoned for residential purposes not
767 owned by the owner of the crematory. As used in this section,
768 "crematory" means a building or structure containing one or more
769 cremation chambers or retorts for the cremation of dead human
770 bodies or large animals but does not include a funeral home that
771 performs cremation only by alkaline hydrolysis pursuant to the
772 provisions of subsection (d) of section 19a-320, as amended by this act,
773 and "large animals" means all cattle, horses, sheep, goat, swine or
774 similar species commonly kept as livestock.

775 Sec. 19. Section 20-442 of the general statutes is repealed and the
776 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

777 Employees of the Connecticut Labor Department performing their
778 duties in accordance with chapter 571 and federal employees of the
779 Occupational Safety and Health Administration performing their duties
780 in accordance with the federal Occupational Safety and Health Act are
781 exempt from the requirements of sections 19a-332d, 19a-332e and 20-435
782 to [20-441] 20-440, inclusive, as amended by this act.

783 Sec. 20. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 19a-37 of the 2026
784 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is
785 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

786 (1) "Laboratory or firm" means an environmental laboratory
787 [registered] certified by the Department of Public Health pursuant to
788 section 19a-29a, as amended by this act;

789 Sec. 21. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section:

790 (1) "Agent of the local director of health" means a person who holds
791 an approval from the commissioner, pursuant to the regulations of
792 Connecticut state agencies, to investigate, inspect and approve plans
793 relating to subsurface sewage disposal systems;

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

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

796 (4) "Local director of health" means a director of a (A) municipal
797 health department, appointed pursuant to section 19a-200 of the general
798 statutes, or (B) district health department, appointed pursuant to section
799 19a-242 of the general statutes;

800 (5) "Subsurface sewage enforcement officer" means a person who has
801 obtained certification from the commissioner to (A) review and approve
802 plans, (B) conduct regulatory inspections, (C) investigate complaints
803 relating to subsurface sewage disposal systems within the jurisdiction
804 of a local director of health, and (D) perform any other related duties as
805 prescribed by the commissioner;

806 (6) "Phase I subsurface sewage enforcement officer" means a person
807 certified by the commissioner to act as a subsurface sewage enforcement
808 officer for a subsurface sewage disposal system serving a building with
809 a design flow of up to two thousand gallons per day, except for such
810 subsurface sewage disposal systems designed by a professional
811 engineer licensed pursuant to chapter 391 of the general statutes;

812 (7) "Phase II subsurface sewage enforcement officer" means a person
813 certified by the commissioner to act as a subsurface sewage enforcement
814 officer for a subsurface sewage disposal system serving a building with
815 a design flow up to ten thousand gallons per day; and

816 (8) "Phase III subsurface sewage enforcement officer" means a person
817 certified by the commissioner to act as a subsurface sewage enforcement
818 officer for an alternative on-site sewage treatment system serving a
819 building with a design flow of ten thousand gallons per day or less.

820 (b) (1) On and after October 1, 2026, no person, including a licensed
821 environmental health specialist, as defined in section 20-358 of the
822 general statutes, shall perform the duties of a subsurface sewage
823 enforcement officer unless such person is (A) certified by the
824 commissioner pursuant to the provisions of this section, and (B)
825 appointed by a local director of health to perform the duties of a
826 subsurface sewage enforcement officer as an employee or contractor of
827 the municipal health department or health district. The local director of
828 health shall maintain records of such appointments and provide the
829 department a copy of, or access to, such records upon the
830 commissioner's request.

831 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, an agent of the
832 local director of health approved before October 1, 2026, may perform
833 the duties of a subsurface sewage enforcement officer for a local director
834 of health without obtaining certification pursuant to the provisions of
835 this section, provided such agent applies for an initial certification as a
836 subsurface sewage enforcement officer pursuant to the provisions of
837 this section not later than October 1, 2027.

838 (c) (1) An agent of the local director of health, who is approved to
839 investigate, inspect and approve all plans for subsurface sewage
840 disposal systems, except those prepared by a professional engineer
841 licensed pursuant to chapter 391 of the general statutes, shall seek initial
842 certification as a Phase I subsurface sewage enforcement officer. An
843 agent of the local director of health, who is approved to investigate,
844 inspect and approve plans for subsurface sewage disposal systems
845 prepared by a professional engineer, licensed pursuant to chapter 391 of
846 the general statutes, shall seek initial certification as a Phase II
847 subsurface sewage enforcement officer. After receiving initial
848 certification, such certification shall be renewed in accordance with the
849 provisions of subsection (e) of this section. On and after the date on
850 which the commissioner begins issuing certifications pursuant to the
851 provisions of this section, the commissioner shall not grant any approval
852 of an agent of the local director of health pursuant to the regulations of
853 Connecticut state agencies.

854 (2) Employees or contractors of the department may conduct
855 regulatory inspections and investigate complaints concerning
856 subsurface sewage disposal systems on behalf of the department
857 without obtaining certification as a subsurface sewage enforcement
858 officer pursuant to the provisions of this section.

859 (3) An applicant for certification as a subsurface sewage enforcement
860 officer may perform the duties of a subsurface sewage enforcement
861 officer as part of a practical component of a training course, as described
862 in subsection (i) of this section, developed by the department that is
863 taught by department staff or an approved training provider holding a
864 certification for the certification level sought.

865 (d) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this
866 section, a person may apply, in a form and manner prescribed by the
867 commissioner, for an initial certification after (1) completing a training
868 course prescribed by the commissioner, and (2) receiving a passing score
869 on an examination prescribed by the commissioner for the subsurface
870 sewage enforcement officer certification level the applicant seeks. No

871 person may apply for certification as a Phase III subsurface sewage
872 enforcement officer earlier than the date on which minimum
873 requirements for alternative on-site sewage treatment systems are
874 established in accordance with the provisions of section 19a-35a of the
875 general statutes.

876 (e) There shall be no fee to apply for an initial subsurface sewage
877 enforcement officer certification or to renew such certification. A
878 certification shall be renewed in accordance with the provisions of
879 section 19a-88 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

880 (f) The commissioner may require subsurface sewage enforcement
881 officers to attend conferences to provide information and updates
882 regarding on-site sewage treatment systems, which may include, but
883 need not be limited to, a review of the department's technical standards
884 for the siting, design and installation requirements of a subsurface
885 sewage disposal system. The commissioner may conduct such
886 conferences in person, online or by prerecorded online presentations.
887 The commissioner shall not conduct more than two such conferences in
888 any one calendar year.

889 (g) A subsurface sewage enforcement officer shall only hold a
890 certification as a Phase I, Phase II or Phase III subsurface sewage
891 enforcement officer and shall not hold more than one such certification
892 at one time. A Phase I subsurface sewage enforcement officer shall only
893 perform activities associated with a Phase I subsurface sewage
894 enforcement officer certification. A Phase II subsurface sewage
895 enforcement officer may perform activities associated with a Phase I and
896 Phase II subsurface sewage enforcement officer certification. A Phase III
897 subsurface sewage enforcement officer may perform activities
898 associated with Phase I and Phase II subsurface sewage enforcement
899 officer certification and activities associated with alternative on-site
900 sewage treatment systems. No person shall apply for certification as a
901 Phase II subsurface sewage enforcement officer without having
902 previously obtained certification as a Phase I subsurface sewage
903 enforcement officer or served as an agent of a local director of health

904 prior to October 1, 2026. No person shall apply for certification as a
905 Phase III subsurface sewage enforcement officer without having
906 previously obtained certification as a Phase II subsurface sewage
907 enforcement officer.

908 (h) The commissioner shall develop the following initial certification
909 applications: (1) Phase I or Phase II subsurface sewage enforcement
910 officer for agents of local directors of health approved prior to October
911 1, 2026, which shall include an attestation of such approval prior to
912 October 1, 2026, (2) Phase I subsurface sewage enforcement officer, (3)
913 Phase II subsurface sewage enforcement officer, and (4) Phase III
914 subsurface sewage enforcement officer. The commissioner shall also
915 develop a renewal certification application and an application for
916 training providers seeking the commissioner's approval to provide
917 subsurface sewage enforcement officer training courses pursuant to the
918 provisions of subsection (i) of this section.

919 (i) The commissioner shall develop training courses and
920 corresponding examinations for Phase I, Phase II and Phase III
921 subsurface sewage enforcement officers. The training courses may
922 include a practical component, plan reviews and homework. The
923 commissioner may approve training providers to teach the courses. To
924 be approved, a training provider shall demonstrate, in a form and
925 manner prescribed by the commissioner, that the training course and its
926 materials are consistent with the department's technical standards for
927 the siting, design and installation of subsurface sewage disposal
928 systems. Any approval granted pursuant to the provisions of this
929 subsection shall expire three years after the date of such approval. The
930 commissioner may administer or contract with a testing center to
931 administer training courses or certification examinations.

932 (j) The commissioner may adopt regulations concerning the
933 certification of subsurface sewage enforcement officers, in accordance
934 with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, that shall
935 include, but need not be limited to: (1) The scope of duties performed
936 by each certification of subsurface sewage enforcement officer; (2)

937 requirements and procedures for the issuance of an initial certification;
938 (3) requirements and procedures to renew certification, in accordance
939 with section 19a-88 of the general statutes, as amended by this act; (4)
940 standards and procedures for certification examinations administered
941 by the commissioner or a testing center; (5) training standards required
942 for initial and renewal certification; and (6) standards and procedures
943 for the commissioner's approval of training providers and courses of
944 study offered by training providers. The commissioner may implement
945 policies and procedures necessary to implement the provisions of this
946 section while in the process of adopting such policies and procedures as
947 regulations, provided the commissioner publishes notice of intent to
948 adopt regulations on the eRegulations System not later than twenty
949 days after the date of implementation of such policies and procedures.
950 Policies and procedures implemented pursuant to this subsection shall
951 be valid until final regulations are adopted in accordance with the
952 provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes.

953 (k) (1) The commissioner may take any disciplinary action against a
954 subsurface sewage enforcement officer permitted under section 19a-17
955 of the general statutes, except for the assessment of a civil penalty, for
956 any of the following reasons: (A) Fraud or material deception in
957 obtaining initial certification or renewal certification or the
958 reinstatement of a certificate; (B) fraudulent practices including, but not
959 limited to, acceptance of bribes in the performance of the subsurface
960 sewage enforcement officer's professional activities; (C) incompetent,
961 negligent or illegal performance of the subsurface sewage enforcement
962 officer's professional duties; (D) conviction of the subsurface sewage
963 enforcement officer for a felony; or (E) failure of the subsurface sewage
964 enforcement officer to complete the mandatory training or attend
965 mandatory conferences.

966 (2) The commissioner may take any disciplinary action against a
967 training provider permitted under section 19a-17 of the general statutes,
968 except for the assessment of a civil penalty, if the commissioner
969 determines that (A) a training course's hours or materials were not

970 consistent with the department's technical standards for the siting,
971 design and installation of subsurface sewage disposal systems; or (B) the
972 training provider engaged in incompetent, negligent or illegal activities
973 in the provision of training courses.

974 Sec. 22. Subsection (c) of section 19a-14 of the 2026 supplement to the
975 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
976 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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

979 (1) Speech and language pathologist and audiologist;

980 (2) Hearing instrument specialist;

981 (3) Nursing home administrator;

982 (4) Environmental health specialist;

983 (5) Subsurface sewage system installer or cleaner;

984 (6) Marital and family therapist and marriage and family therapist
985 associate;

986 (7) Nurse-midwife;

987 (8) Licensed clinical social worker;

988 (9) Respiratory care practitioner;

989 (10) Asbestos contractor, asbestos consultant and asbestos training
990 provider;

991 (11) Massage therapist;

992 (12) Registered nurse's aide;

993 (13) Radiographer;

- 994 (14) Dental hygienist;
- 995 (15) Dietitian-Nutritionist;
- 996 (16) Asbestos abatement worker;
- 997 (17) Asbestos abatement site supervisor;
- 998 (18) Licensed or certified alcohol and drug counselor;
- 999 (19) Professional counselor and professional counselor associate;
- 1000 (20) Acupuncturist;
- 1001 (21) Occupational therapist and occupational therapist assistant;
- 1002 (22) Lead abatement contractor, lead consultant contractor, lead
1003 consultant, lead abatement supervisor, lead abatement worker, lead
1004 training provider, lead inspector, lead inspector risk assessor and lead
1005 planner-project designer;
- 1006 (23) Emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical
1007 technician, emergency medical responder and emergency medical
1008 services instructor;
- 1009 (24) Paramedic;
- 1010 (25) Athletic trainer;
- 1011 (26) Perfusionist;
- 1012 (27) Master social worker subject to the provisions of section 20-195v;
- 1013 (28) Radiologist assistant, subject to the provisions of section 20-74tt;
- 1014 (29) Homeopathic physician;
- 1015 (30) Certified water treatment plant operator, certified distribution
1016 system operator, certified small water system operator, certified
1017 backflow prevention device tester and certified cross connection survey

1018 inspector, including certified limited operators, certified conditional
1019 operators and certified operators in training;

1020 (31) Tattoo technician;

1021 (32) Genetic counselor;

1022 (33) Behavior analyst;

1023 (34) Art therapist;

1024 (35) Esthetician;

1025 (36) Eyelash technician; [and]

1026 (37) Nail technician; and

1027 (38) Subsurface sewage enforcement officer.

1028 The department shall assume all powers and duties normally vested
1029 with a board in administering regulatory jurisdiction over such
1030 professions. The uniform provisions of this chapter and chapters 368v,
1031 369 to 381a, inclusive, 383 to 388, inclusive, 393a, 395, 398, 399, 400a and
1032 400c, including, but not limited to, standards for entry and renewal;
1033 grounds for professional discipline; receiving and processing
1034 complaints; and disciplinary sanctions, shall apply, except as otherwise
1035 provided by law, to the professions listed in this subsection.

1036 Sec. 23. Subsection (c) of section 19a-14 of the 2026 supplement to the
1037 general statutes, as amended by section 196 of public act 25-168, is
1038 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
1039 *2026*):

1040 (c) No board shall exist for the following professions that are licensed
1041 or otherwise regulated by the Department of Public Health:

1042 (1) Speech and language pathologist and audiologist;

1043 (2) Hearing instrument specialist;

- 1044 (3) Nursing home administrator;
- 1045 (4) Environmental health specialist;
- 1046 (5) Subsurface sewage system installer or cleaner;
- 1047 (6) Marital and family therapist and marriage and family therapist
1048 associate;
- 1049 (7) Nurse-midwife;
- 1050 (8) Licensed clinical social worker;
- 1051 (9) Respiratory care practitioner;
- 1052 (10) Asbestos contractor, asbestos consultant and asbestos training
1053 provider;
- 1054 (11) Massage therapist;
- 1055 (12) Registered nurse's aide;
- 1056 (13) Radiographer;
- 1057 (14) Dental hygienist;
- 1058 (15) Dietitian-Nutritionist;
- 1059 (16) Asbestos abatement worker;
- 1060 (17) Asbestos abatement site supervisor;
- 1061 (18) Licensed or certified alcohol and drug counselor;
- 1062 (19) Professional counselor and professional counselor associate;
- 1063 (20) Acupuncturist;
- 1064 (21) Occupational therapist and occupational therapist assistant;
- 1065 (22) Lead abatement contractor, lead consultant contractor, lead

1066 consultant, lead abatement supervisor, lead abatement worker, lead
1067 training provider, lead inspector, lead inspector risk assessor and lead
1068 planner-project designer;

1069 (23) Emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical
1070 technician, emergency medical responder and emergency medical
1071 services instructor;

1072 (24) Paramedic;

1073 (25) Athletic trainer;

1074 (26) Perfusionist;

1075 (27) Master social worker subject to the provisions of section 20-195v;

1076 (28) Radiologist assistant, subject to the provisions of section 20-74tt;

1077 (29) Homeopathic physician;

1078 (30) Certified water treatment plant operator, certified distribution
1079 system operator, certified small water system operator, certified
1080 backflow prevention device tester and certified cross connection survey
1081 inspector, including certified limited operators, certified conditional
1082 operators and certified operators in training;

1083 (31) Tattoo technician;

1084 (32) Genetic counselor;

1085 (33) Behavior analyst;

1086 (34) Art therapist;

1087 (35) Esthetician;

1088 (36) Eyelash technician;

1089 (37) Nail technician; [and]

1090 (38) Subsurface sewage enforcement officer; and

1091 ~~[(38)]~~ (39) Lactation consultant.

1092 The department shall assume all powers and duties normally vested
1093 with a board in administering regulatory jurisdiction over such
1094 professions. The uniform provisions of this chapter and chapters 368v,
1095 369 to 381a, inclusive, 382e to 388, inclusive, 393a, 395, 398, 399, 400a and
1096 400c, including, but not limited to, standards for entry and renewal;
1097 grounds for professional discipline; receiving and processing
1098 complaints; and disciplinary sanctions, shall apply, except as otherwise
1099 provided by law, to the professions listed in this subsection.

1100 Sec. 24. Subsection (e) of section 19a-88 of the 2026 supplement to the
1101 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1102 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1103 (e) (1) Each person holding a license or certificate issued under
1104 section 19a-514, 20-65k, 20-74s, 20-185k, 20-185l, 20-195cc or 20-206ll and
1105 chapters 370 to 373, inclusive, 375, 378 to 381a, inclusive, 383 to 383c,
1106 inclusive, 383g, 384, 384a, 384b, 385, 393a, 395, 399 or 400a and section
1107 20-206n or 20-206o shall, annually, or, in the case of a person holding a
1108 license as a marital and family therapist associate under section 20-195c
1109 on or before twenty-four months after the date of initial licensure,
1110 during the month of such person's birth, apply for renewal of such
1111 license or certificate to the Department of Public Health, giving such
1112 person's name in full, such person's residence and business address and
1113 such other information as the department requests.

1114 (2) Each person holding a license or certificate issued under section
1115 19a-514, and chapters 384a, 384c, 384d, 386, 387, 388 and 398 shall apply
1116 for renewal of such license or certificate once every two years, during
1117 the month of such person's birth, giving such person's name in full, such
1118 person's residence and business address and such other information as
1119 the department requests.

1120 (3) Each person holding a certificate issued under section 20-195ttt

1121 shall apply for renewal of such certificate once every three years, during
1122 the month of such person's birth, giving such person's name in full, such
1123 person's residence and business address and such other information as
1124 the department requests.

1125 (4) Each person holding a license or certificate issued pursuant to
1126 chapter 400c shall, annually, during the month of such person's birth,
1127 apply for renewal of such license or certificate to the department. Each
1128 lead training provider certified pursuant to chapter 400c and each
1129 asbestos training provider certified pursuant to chapter 400a shall,
1130 annually, during the anniversary month of such training provider's
1131 initial certification, apply for renewal of such certificate to the
1132 department.

1133 (5) Each entity holding a license issued pursuant to section 20-475
1134 shall, annually, during the anniversary month of initial licensure, apply
1135 for renewal of such license or certificate to the department.

1136 (6) Each person holding a license issued pursuant to section 20-162bb
1137 shall, annually, during the month of such person's birth, apply for
1138 renewal of such license to the Department of Public Health, upon
1139 payment of a fee of three hundred twenty dollars, giving such person's
1140 name in full, such person's residence and business address and such
1141 other information as the department requests.

1142 (7) Each person holding a license issued pursuant to section 20-278h
1143 shall, once every two years, during the anniversary month of initial
1144 licensure, apply for renewal of such license to the department.

1145 (8) Each person holding a certificate pursuant to section 21 of this act
1146 shall, on or before three years after the date of issuance of an initial or
1147 renewal certification, apply for renewal of such certificate to the
1148 department.

1149 Sec. 25. Subsection (e) of section 19a-88 of the 2026 supplement to the
1150 general statutes, as amended by section 197 of public act 25-168, is
1151 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*

1152 2026):

1153 (e) (1) Each person holding a license or certificate issued under
1154 section 19a-514, 20-65k, 20-74s, 20-185k, 20-185l, 20-195cc or 20-206ll and
1155 chapters 370 to 373, inclusive, 375, 378 to 381a, inclusive, 383 to 383c,
1156 inclusive, 383g, 384, 384a, 384b, 385, 393a, 395, 399 or 400a and section
1157 20-206n or 20-206o shall, annually, or, in the case of a person holding a
1158 license as a marital and family therapist associate under section 20-195c
1159 on or before twenty-four months after the date of initial licensure,
1160 during the month of such person's birth, apply for renewal of such
1161 license or certificate to the Department of Public Health, giving such
1162 person's name in full, such person's residence and business address and
1163 such other information as the department requests.

1164 (2) Each person holding a license or certificate issued under section
1165 19a-514, and chapters 382e, 384a, 384c, 384d, 386, 387, 388 and 398 shall
1166 apply for renewal of such license or certificate once every two years,
1167 during the month of such person's birth, giving such person's name in
1168 full, such person's residence and business address and such other
1169 information as the department requests.

1170 (3) Each person holding a certificate issued under section 20-195ttt
1171 shall apply for renewal of such certificate once every three years, during
1172 the month of such person's birth, giving such person's name in full, such
1173 person's residence and business address and such other information as
1174 the department requests.

1175 (4) Each person holding a license or certificate issued pursuant to
1176 chapter 400c shall, annually, during the month of such person's birth,
1177 apply for renewal of such license or certificate to the department. Each
1178 lead training provider certified pursuant to chapter 400c and each
1179 asbestos training provider certified pursuant to chapter 400a shall,
1180 annually, during the anniversary month of such training provider's
1181 initial certification, apply for renewal of such certificate to the
1182 department.

1183 (5) Each entity holding a license issued pursuant to section 20-475
1184 shall, annually, during the anniversary month of initial licensure, apply
1185 for renewal of such license or certificate to the department.

1186 (6) Each person holding a license issued pursuant to section 20-162bb
1187 shall, annually, during the month of such person's birth, apply for
1188 renewal of such license to the Department of Public Health, upon
1189 payment of a fee of three hundred twenty dollars, giving such person's
1190 name in full, such person's residence and business address and such
1191 other information as the department requests.

1192 (7) Each person holding a license issued pursuant to section 20-278h
1193 shall, once every two years, during the anniversary month of initial
1194 licensure, apply for renewal of such license to the department.

1195 (8) Each person holding a certificate pursuant to section 21 of this act
1196 shall, on or before three years after the date of issuance of an initial or
1197 renewal certification, apply for renewal of such certificate to the
1198 department.

1199 Sec. 26. Subsection (n) of section 25-32 of the general statutes is
1200 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
1201 *2026*):

1202 (n) (1) On and after the effective date of regulations adopted under
1203 this subsection, no person shall operate any water treatment plant,
1204 water distribution system or small water system that treats or supplies
1205 water used or intended for use by the public, test any backflow
1206 prevention device, perform a cross connection survey without a
1207 certificate issued by the commissioner under this subsection or operate
1208 any water treatment plant or water distribution system as an operator-
1209 in-training unless such person is issued a certificate by the
1210 commissioner under this subsection. The commissioner shall adopt
1211 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to provide: (A) Standards for
1212 the operation of such water treatment plants, water distribution systems
1213 and small water systems; (B) standards and procedures for the issuance

1214 of certificates to operators and operators-in-training of such water
1215 treatment plants and water distribution systems and operators of small
1216 water systems, including, but not limited to, standards and procedures
1217 for the department's approval of third parties to administer certification
1218 examinations to such operators and operators-in-training; (C)
1219 procedures for the renewal of such certificates to operators every three
1220 years; (D) standards for training required for the issuance or renewal of
1221 a certificate; (E) standards and procedures for the department's
1222 approval of course providers and courses of study as they relate to
1223 certified operators and certified operators-in-training of water treatment
1224 plants and water distribution systems and certified operators of small
1225 water systems and certified persons who test backflow prevention
1226 devices or perform cross connection surveys for initial and renewal
1227 applications; and (F) standards and procedures for the issuance and
1228 renewal of certificates to persons who test backflow prevention devices
1229 or perform cross connection surveys. Such regulations shall be
1230 consistent with applicable federal law and guidelines for operator
1231 certification programs promulgated by the United States Environmental
1232 Protection Agency. For purposes of this subsection, "small water
1233 system" means a public water system, as defined in section 25-33d, that
1234 serves less than one thousand persons and has no treatment or has only
1235 treatment that does not require any chemical treatment, process
1236 adjustment, backwashing or media regeneration by an operator.

1237 (2) The commissioner may take any disciplinary action set forth in
1238 section 19a-17, except for the assessment of a civil penalty under
1239 subdivision (7) of subsection (a) of section 19a-17, against an operator,
1240 an operator-in-training, a person who tests backflow prevention devices
1241 or a person who performs cross connection surveys holding a certificate
1242 issued under this subsection for any of the following reasons: (A) Fraud
1243 or material deception in procuring a certificate, the renewal of a
1244 certificate or the reinstatement of a certificate; (B) fraud or material
1245 deception in the performance of the certified operator's or certified
1246 operator-in-training's professional activities; (C) incompetent, negligent
1247 or illegal performance of the certified operator's or certified operator-in-

1248 training's professional activities; (D) conviction of the certified operator
1249 or certified operator-in-training for a felony; or (E) failure of the certified
1250 operator or certified operator-in-training to complete the training
1251 required under subdivision (1) of this subsection.

1252 (3) The commissioner may issue an initial certificate to perform a
1253 function set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection upon receipt of a
1254 completed application, in a form prescribed by the commissioner,
1255 together with an application fee as follows: (A) For a water treatment
1256 plant, water distribution system or small water system operator
1257 certificate, or operator-in-training certificate for a water treatment plant
1258 or water distribution system, two hundred twenty-four dollars, except
1259 there shall be no such application fee required for a student enrolled in
1260 an accredited high school small water system operator certification
1261 course; (B) for a backflow prevention device tester certificate, one
1262 hundred fifty-four dollars; and (C) for a cross-connection survey
1263 inspector certificate, one hundred fifty-four dollars. A certificate issued
1264 pursuant to this subdivision shall expire three years from the date of
1265 issuance unless renewed by the certificate holder prior to such
1266 expiration date, except a certificate issued for an operator-in-training
1267 pursuant to this section shall expire six years from the date of issuance
1268 and shall not be renewable. The commissioner may renew a certificate,
1269 other than a certificate for an operator-in-training, for an additional
1270 three years upon receipt of a completed renewal application, in a form
1271 prescribed by the commissioner, together with a renewal application fee
1272 as follows: (i) For a water treatment plant, water distribution system or
1273 small water system operator certificate, ninety-eight dollars; (ii) for a
1274 backflow prevention device tester certificate, sixty-nine dollars; and (iii)
1275 for a cross-connection survey inspector certificate, sixty-nine dollars.

1276 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (3) of this
1277 subsection, the commissioner may issue a certification to an applicant
1278 for water treatment plant operator, water distribution system operator
1279 or small water system operator under this subsection upon receiving
1280 such applicant's written application, in a form and manner prescribed

1281 by the commissioner, if the applicant (A) is an apprentice registered
 1282 with the Labor Department, (B) has successfully completed an
 1283 apprenticeship approved by the Labor Department and conducted in
 1284 accordance with sections 31-22m to 31-22u, inclusive, for the type of
 1285 system for which the apprentice is seeking certification, and (C) has
 1286 passed a written examination prescribed in the regulations of
 1287 Connecticut state agencies after completion of an approved registered
 1288 apprenticeship program for the classification level sought for
 1289 certification. An apprentice shall provide written notification to the
 1290 department not later than ten days before participating in such
 1291 apprenticeship program. Such written notification shall be in a form and
 1292 manner prescribed by the commissioner and shall include, but need not
 1293 be limited to, information regarding the entity providing the
 1294 apprenticeship program and the certified water operator or operators
 1295 directly supervising such program. A registered apprentice shall be
 1296 under direct supervision of a certified water operator of the type of
 1297 system for which the apprentice is seeking certification but shall not
 1298 make any process and system integrity decisions concerning the quality
 1299 and quantity of water that affects public health. Failure of a certified
 1300 water operator to provide the supervision or training required under
 1301 this section shall be grounds for disciplinary action against the certified
 1302 water operator pursuant to the provisions of this section.

1303 Sec. 27. Section 20-441 of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*
 1304 *October 1, 2026*)"

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-150
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-150a(a)(2)
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-150b(c)
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-150c(a)(2)
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-150d(d)
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	19a-37k
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	19a-29a
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	19a-14d(a)

Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	19a-332
Sec. 10	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	20-435
Sec. 11	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	20-436
Sec. 12	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	20-437
Sec. 13	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	20-438
Sec. 14	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	20-439
Sec. 15	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	20-440
Sec. 16	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	20-442a(a)
Sec. 17	<i>from passage</i>	19a-320
Sec. 18	<i>from passage</i>	8-2n
Sec. 19	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	20-442
Sec. 20	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	19a-37(a)(1)
Sec. 21	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 22	<i>from passage</i>	19a-14(c)
Sec. 23	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	19a-14(c)
Sec. 24	<i>from passage</i>	19a-88(e)
Sec. 25	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	19a-88(e)
Sec. 26	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	25-32(n)
Sec. 27	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	Repealer section