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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 Section 21a-150 of the general statutes is repealed and the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 Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, results from analyses
302 performed by certified water operators, or persons under the
303 supervision of certified operators, at drinking water treatment facilities
304 may be used to confirm treatment effectiveness and for regulatory
305 reporting, when permitted by applicable law.

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

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

335 (j) The commissioner may order an [unregistered] environmental
336 laboratory that is not certified to test an analyte to cease operations. The
337 commissioner may impose a civil fine not to exceed five thousand
338 dollars per violation per day to an environmental laboratory for
339 operating without a certification.

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

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

364 determines that the out-of-state environmental laboratory violated any
365 provision of this section or regulations adopted thereunder per violation
366 per day. In assessing the amount of such civil penalty, the commissioner
367 shall consider the factors described in subsection (h) of this section.
368 Upon notice of the imposition of the civil penalty, the commissioner
369 shall provide the out-of-state environmental laboratory with an
370 opportunity for a hearing. Any revocation or civil penalty issued under
371 this subsection may be appealed in accordance with the provisions of
372 section 4-183.

373 Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 19a-14d of the general statutes is
374 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
375 *1, 2026*):

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

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

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

391 (3) The person is in good standing in all jurisdictions in the United
392 States in which he or she holds a license, permit, certification or
393 registration and has not had a license, permit, certification or
394 registration revoked or discipline imposed by any jurisdiction in the

395 United States, does not have a complaint, allegation or investigation
396 related to unprofessional conduct pending in any jurisdiction, and has
397 not voluntarily surrendered a license, permit, certification or
398 registration while under investigation for unprofessional conduct in any
399 jurisdiction;

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

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

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

407 As used in subsection (c) of section 19a-14 and sections 19a-332 to
408 19a-332e, inclusive, as amended by this act, 20-435 to 20-442, inclusive,
409 as amended by this act, and 52-577a:

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

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

422 (3) "Asbestos abatement worker" means any employee of a licensed
423 asbestos contractor who engages in asbestos abatement, has completed
424 a training program approved by the department and has been issued a

425 certificate by the [department] commissioner;

426 (4) "Asbestos abatement site supervisor" means any asbestos
427 abatement worker employed by a licensed asbestos contractor who has
428 been specifically trained as a supervisor in a training program approved
429 by the [department] commissioner and who has been issued a certificate
430 by the [department] commissioner;

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

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

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

443 (8) "Asbestos consultation services" means the inspection or
444 evaluation of a building for asbestos hazards, including, but not limited
445 to, the development of asbestos abatement plans, site inspections, air
446 monitoring and provisions of industrial hygiene services related to
447 asbestos abatement;

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

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

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

452 (12) "Suspect asbestos-containing materials" means interior and
453 exterior materials that have a reasonable likelihood of containing

454 asbestos based on their appearance, composition and use.

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

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

486 Sec. 11. Section 20-436 of the general statutes is repealed and the

487 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

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

518 (b) The commissioner may issue a license under this section without
519 examination to any person who is licensed in another state under a law

520 [which] that provides standards equal to or higher than those of
521 Connecticut and is not subject to any unresolved complaints or pending
522 disciplinary actions. Licenses issued pursuant to this section shall be
523 renewed annually in accordance with the provisions of section 19a-88,
524 as amended by this act, upon payment of a fee of two hundred fifty
525 dollars.

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

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

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

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

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

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

575 [For purposes of this section, "asbestos training provider"] (a) As used
576 in this section: (1) "Asbestos training provider" means a person or entity
577 that offers a training program for asbestos abatement or asbestos
578 [consultation] consultant services and [certifies] issues a certificate of
579 completion for asbestos abatement workers, asbestos abatement site
580 supervisors [and] or asbestos consultants [. On and after October 1, 2017,
581 each asbestos training provider shall be certified by the department. The
582 department shall issue an initial certification of a provider upon the
583 provider's completion of an application and payment of a fee of fifty
584 dollars. The certification] in accordance with the requirements of the

585 United States Environmental Protection Agency's model accreditation
586 plan or equivalent training standards recognized by the commissioner;
587 and (2) "training course" means a specific course offered as part of a
588 training program by a certified asbestos training provider for asbestos
589 abatement, asbestos site supervision or asbestos consultant services and
590 approved in accordance with this section.

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

603 (c) An asbestos training provider shall submit any training program
604 to the commissioner for approval prior to implementing such training
605 program. The [department] commissioner shall approve a training
606 program for asbestos abatement or asbestos consultant services,
607 including each training course offered as part of such training program,
608 upon determination that such program complies with the requirements
609 of the United States Environmental Protection Agency's model
610 accreditation plan and such requirements as may be established in
611 regulations adopted pursuant to section 20-440, as amended by this act.
612 An asbestos training provider shall submit each training program to the
613 commissioner for reapproval once every three years. Each application
614 or reapplication for approval of a training program shall be
615 accompanied by a fee of five hundred dollars. Each application for
616 approval or reapproval of a refresher training program [as required by
617 section 20-441] shall be accompanied by a fee of two hundred fifty

618 dollars. Each asbestos training provider shall furnish the department
619 with a list of the persons who have successfully completed [the] a
620 training program or training course [within] not later than thirty days
621 [of] after such completion. The [department] commissioner shall
622 conduct periodic reviews of approved training programs and training
623 courses and may revoke approval of a training program or training
624 course at any time [it] the commissioner determines that the training
625 program or training course fails to meet the requirements of this section
626 or established in such regulations.

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

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

647 (b) The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with the
648 provisions of chapter 54, to provide for the training of asbestos
649 abatement site supervisors, asbestos abatement workers and asbestos
650 consultants, and for the specification of closely related environmental

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

666 Sec. 16. Subsection (a) of section 20-442a of the general statutes is
667 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
668 *1, 2026*):

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

684 chapter 368l. The commissioner may petition the superior court for the
685 judicial district of Hartford to enforce such order or any action taken
686 pursuant to section 19a-17. Notice of any contemplated action under
687 section 19a-17, the cause of action and the date of a hearing on the action
688 shall be given and an opportunity for hearing afforded in accordance
689 with the provisions of chapter 54.

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

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

711 (b) Application for such approval shall be made in writing to the local
712 authority specified in subsection (a) of this section and a hearing shall
713 be held within the town, city or borough in which such location is
714 situated within sixty-five days from the date of receipt of such
715 application. Notice of such hearing shall be given to such applicant by
716 mail, postage paid, to the address given on the application, and to the

717 Commissioner of Public Health, and by publication twice in a
718 newspaper having a substantial circulation in the town, city or borough
719 at intervals of not less than two days, the first being not more than fifteen
720 days or less than ten days, and the second being not less than two days
721 before such hearing. The local authority shall approve or deny such
722 application within sixty-five days after such hearing, provided an
723 extension of time not to exceed a further period of sixty-five days may
724 be had with the consent of the applicant. The grounds for its action shall
725 be stated in the records of the authority. Each applicant shall pay a fee
726 of ten dollars, together with the costs of the publication of such notice
727 and the reasonable expense of such hearing, to the treasurer of such
728 town, city or borough.

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

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

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

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

747 (5) If, upon inspection by the Department of Public Health, it is found

748 that such crematory is in such condition as to be detrimental to public
749 health, the department shall give to the applicant or operator of the
750 crematory notice and opportunity for hearing as provided in regulations
751 adopted by the Commissioner of Public Health, in accordance with the
752 provisions of chapter 54. The commissioner may, after such hearing,
753 revoke, suspend or refuse to issue or renew any such certificate upon
754 cause found at hearing. Any person aggrieved by the finding of or action
755 taken by the Department of Public Health may appeal therefrom in
756 accordance with the provisions of section 4-183.

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

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

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

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

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

779 similar species commonly kept as livestock.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

801 (4) "Local director of health" means a director of a (A) municipal
802 health department, appointed pursuant to section 19a-200 of the general
803 statutes, or (B) district health department, appointed pursuant to section
804 19a-242 of the general statutes;

805 (5) "Subsurface sewage enforcement officer" means a person who has
806 obtained certification from the commissioner to (A) review and approve

807 plans, (B) conduct regulatory inspections, (C) investigate complaints
808 relating to subsurface sewage disposal systems within the jurisdiction
809 of a local director of health, and (D) perform any other related duties as
810 prescribed by the commissioner;

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

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

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

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

836 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, an agent of the
837 local director of health approved before October 1, 2026, may perform

838 the duties of a subsurface sewage enforcement officer for a local director
839 of health without obtaining certification pursuant to the provisions of
840 this section, provided such agent applies for an initial certification as a
841 subsurface sewage enforcement officer pursuant to the provisions of
842 this section not later than October 1, 2027.

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

859 (2) Employees or contractors of the department may conduct
860 regulatory inspections and investigate complaints concerning
861 subsurface sewage disposal systems on behalf of the department
862 without obtaining certification as a subsurface sewage enforcement
863 officer pursuant to the provisions of this section.

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

870 (d) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this
871 section, a person may apply, in a form and manner prescribed by the
872 commissioner, for an initial certification after (1) completing a training
873 course prescribed by the commissioner, and (2) receiving a passing score
874 on an examination prescribed by the commissioner for the subsurface
875 sewage enforcement officer certification level the applicant seeks. No
876 person may apply for certification as a Phase III subsurface sewage
877 enforcement officer earlier than the date on which minimum
878 requirements for alternative on-site sewage treatment systems are
879 established in accordance with the provisions of section 19a-35a of the
880 general statutes.

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

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

894 (g) A subsurface sewage enforcement officer shall only hold a
895 certification as a Phase I, Phase II or Phase III subsurface sewage
896 enforcement officer and shall not hold more than one such certification
897 at one time. A Phase I subsurface sewage enforcement officer shall only
898 perform activities associated with a Phase I subsurface sewage
899 enforcement officer certification. A Phase II subsurface sewage
900 enforcement officer may perform activities associated with a Phase I and
901 Phase II subsurface sewage enforcement officer certification. A Phase III
902 subsurface sewage enforcement officer may perform activities

903 associated with Phase I and Phase II subsurface sewage enforcement
904 officer certification and activities associated with alternative on-site
905 sewage treatment systems. No person shall apply for certification as a
906 Phase II subsurface sewage enforcement officer without having
907 previously obtained certification as a Phase I subsurface sewage
908 enforcement officer or served as an agent of a local director of health
909 prior to October 1, 2026. No person shall apply for certification as a
910 Phase III subsurface sewage enforcement officer without having
911 previously obtained certification as a Phase II subsurface sewage
912 enforcement officer.

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

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

936 administer training courses or certification examinations.

937 (j) The commissioner may adopt regulations concerning the
938 certification of subsurface sewage enforcement officers, in accordance
939 with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, that shall
940 include, but need not be limited to: (1) The scope of duties performed
941 by each certification of subsurface sewage enforcement officer; (2)
942 requirements and procedures for the issuance of an initial certification;
943 (3) requirements and procedures to renew certification, in accordance
944 with section 19a-88 of the general statutes, as amended by this act; (4)
945 standards and procedures for certification examinations administered
946 by the commissioner or a testing center; (5) training standards required
947 for initial and renewal certification; and (6) standards and procedures
948 for the commissioner's approval of training providers and courses of
949 study offered by training providers. The commissioner may implement
950 policies and procedures necessary to implement the provisions of this
951 section while in the process of adopting such policies and procedures as
952 regulations, provided the commissioner publishes notice of intent to
953 adopt regulations on the eRegulations System not later than twenty
954 days after the date of implementation of such policies and procedures.
955 Policies and procedures implemented pursuant to this subsection shall
956 be valid until final regulations are adopted in accordance with the
957 provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes.

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

969 enforcement officer to complete the mandatory training or attend
970 mandatory conferences.

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

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

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

984 (1) Speech and language pathologist and audiologist;

985 (2) Hearing instrument specialist;

986 (3) Nursing home administrator;

987 (4) Environmental health specialist;

988 (5) Subsurface sewage system installer or cleaner;

989 (6) Marital and family therapist and marriage and family therapist
990 associate;

991 (7) Nurse-midwife;

992 (8) Licensed clinical social worker;

993 (9) Respiratory care practitioner;

994 (10) Asbestos contractor, asbestos consultant and asbestos training

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- 995 provider;
- 996 (11) Massage therapist;
- 997 (12) Registered nurse's aide;
- 998 (13) Radiographer;
- 999 (14) Dental hygienist;
- 1000 (15) Dietitian-Nutritionist;
- 1001 (16) Asbestos abatement worker;
- 1002 (17) Asbestos abatement site supervisor;
- 1003 (18) Licensed or certified alcohol and drug counselor;
- 1004 (19) Professional counselor and professional counselor associate;
- 1005 (20) Acupuncturist;
- 1006 (21) Occupational therapist and occupational therapist assistant;
- 1007 (22) Lead abatement contractor, lead consultant contractor, lead
1008 consultant, lead abatement supervisor, lead abatement worker, lead
1009 training provider, lead inspector, lead inspector risk assessor and lead
1010 planner-project designer;
- 1011 (23) Emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical
1012 technician, emergency medical responder and emergency medical
1013 services instructor;
- 1014 (24) Paramedic;
- 1015 (25) Athletic trainer;
- 1016 (26) Perfusionist;
- 1017 (27) Master social worker subject to the provisions of section 20-195v;

- 1018 (28) Radiologist assistant, subject to the provisions of section 20-74tt;
- 1019 (29) Homeopathic physician;
- 1020 (30) Certified water treatment plant operator, certified distribution
1021 system operator, certified small water system operator, certified
1022 backflow prevention device tester and certified cross connection survey
1023 inspector, including certified limited operators, certified conditional
1024 operators and certified operators in training;
- 1025 (31) Tattoo technician;
- 1026 (32) Genetic counselor;
- 1027 (33) Behavior analyst;
- 1028 (34) Art therapist;
- 1029 (35) Esthetician;
- 1030 (36) Eyelash technician; [and]
- 1031 (37) Nail technician; and
- 1032 (38) Subsurface sewage enforcement officer.

1033 The department shall assume all powers and duties normally vested
1034 with a board in administering regulatory jurisdiction over such
1035 professions. The uniform provisions of this chapter and chapters 368v,
1036 369 to 381a, inclusive, 383 to 388, inclusive, 393a, 395, 398, 399, 400a and
1037 400c, including, but not limited to, standards for entry and renewal;
1038 grounds for professional discipline; receiving and processing
1039 complaints; and disciplinary sanctions, shall apply, except as otherwise
1040 provided by law, to the professions listed in this subsection.

1041 Sec. 23. Subsection (c) of section 19a-14 of the 2026 supplement to the
1042 general statutes, as amended by section 196 of public act 25-168, is
1043 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*

1044 2026):

1045 (c) No board shall exist for the following professions that are licensed
1046 or otherwise regulated by the Department of Public Health:

1047 (1) Speech and language pathologist and audiologist;

1048 (2) Hearing instrument specialist;

1049 (3) Nursing home administrator;

1050 (4) Environmental health specialist;

1051 (5) Subsurface sewage system installer or cleaner;

1052 (6) Marital and family therapist and marriage and family therapist
1053 associate;

1054 (7) Nurse-midwife;

1055 (8) Licensed clinical social worker;

1056 (9) Respiratory care practitioner;

1057 (10) Asbestos contractor, asbestos consultant and asbestos training
1058 provider;

1059 (11) Massage therapist;

1060 (12) Registered nurse's aide;

1061 (13) Radiographer;

1062 (14) Dental hygienist;

1063 (15) Dietitian-Nutritionist;

1064 (16) Asbestos abatement worker;

1065 (17) Asbestos abatement site supervisor;

- 1066 (18) Licensed or certified alcohol and drug counselor;
- 1067 (19) Professional counselor and professional counselor associate;
- 1068 (20) Acupuncturist;
- 1069 (21) Occupational therapist and occupational therapist assistant;
- 1070 (22) Lead abatement contractor, lead consultant contractor, lead
1071 consultant, lead abatement supervisor, lead abatement worker, lead
1072 training provider, lead inspector, lead inspector risk assessor and lead
1073 planner-project designer;
- 1074 (23) Emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical
1075 technician, emergency medical responder and emergency medical
1076 services instructor;
- 1077 (24) Paramedic;
- 1078 (25) Athletic trainer;
- 1079 (26) Perfusionist;
- 1080 (27) Master social worker subject to the provisions of section 20-195v;
- 1081 (28) Radiologist assistant, subject to the provisions of section 20-74tt;
- 1082 (29) Homeopathic physician;
- 1083 (30) Certified water treatment plant operator, certified distribution
1084 system operator, certified small water system operator, certified
1085 backflow prevention device tester and certified cross connection survey
1086 inspector, including certified limited operators, certified conditional
1087 operators and certified operators in training;
- 1088 (31) Tattoo technician;
- 1089 (32) Genetic counselor;

- 1090 (33) Behavior analyst;
- 1091 (34) Art therapist;
- 1092 (35) Esthetician;
- 1093 (36) Eyelash technician;
- 1094 (37) Nail technician; [and]
- 1095 (38) Subsurface sewage enforcement officer; and
- 1096 ~~[(38)]~~ (39) Lactation consultant.

1097 The department shall assume all powers and duties normally vested
1098 with a board in administering regulatory jurisdiction over such
1099 professions. The uniform provisions of this chapter and chapters 368v,
1100 369 to 381a, inclusive, 382e to 388, inclusive, 393a, 395, 398, 399, 400a and
1101 400c, including, but not limited to, standards for entry and renewal;
1102 grounds for professional discipline; receiving and processing
1103 complaints; and disciplinary sanctions, shall apply, except as otherwise
1104 provided by law, to the professions listed in this subsection.

1105 Sec. 24. Subsection (e) of section 19a-88 of the 2026 supplement to the
1106 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1107 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1108 (e) (1) Each person holding a license or certificate issued under
1109 section 19a-514, 20-65k, 20-74s, 20-185k, 20-185l, 20-195cc or 20-206ll and
1110 chapters 370 to 373, inclusive, 375, 378 to 381a, inclusive, 383 to 383c,
1111 inclusive, 383g, 384, 384a, 384b, 385, 393a, 395, 399 or 400a and section
1112 20-206n or 20-206o shall, annually, or, in the case of a person holding a
1113 license as a marital and family therapist associate under section 20-195c
1114 on or before twenty-four months after the date of initial licensure,
1115 during the month of such person's birth, apply for renewal of such
1116 license or certificate to the Department of Public Health, giving such
1117 person's name in full, such person's residence and business address and
1118 such other information as the department requests.

1119 (2) Each person holding a license or certificate issued under section
1120 19a-514, and chapters 384a, 384c, 384d, 386, 387, 388 and 398 shall apply
1121 for renewal of such license or certificate once every two 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 (3) Each person holding a certificate issued under section 20-195ttt
1126 shall apply for renewal of such certificate once every three years, during
1127 the month of such person's birth, giving such person's name in full, such
1128 person's residence and business address and such other information as
1129 the department requests.

1130 (4) Each person holding a license or certificate issued pursuant to
1131 chapter 400c shall, annually, during the month of such person's birth,
1132 apply for renewal of such license or certificate to the department. Each
1133 lead training provider certified pursuant to chapter 400c and each
1134 asbestos training provider certified pursuant to chapter 400a shall,
1135 annually, during the anniversary month of such training provider's
1136 initial certification, apply for renewal of such certificate to the
1137 department.

1138 (5) Each entity holding a license issued pursuant to section 20-475
1139 shall, annually, during the anniversary month of initial licensure, apply
1140 for renewal of such license or certificate to the department.

1141 (6) Each person holding a license issued pursuant to section 20-162bb
1142 shall, annually, during the month of such person's birth, apply for
1143 renewal of such license to the Department of Public Health, upon
1144 payment of a fee of three hundred twenty dollars, giving such person's
1145 name in full, such person's residence and business address and such
1146 other information as the department requests.

1147 (7) Each person holding a license issued pursuant to section 20-278h
1148 shall, once every two years, during the anniversary month of initial
1149 licensure, apply for renewal of such license to the department.

1150 (8) Each person holding a certificate pursuant to section 21 of this act
1151 shall, on or before three years after the date of issuance of an initial or
1152 renewal certification, apply for renewal of such certificate to the
1153 department.

1154 Sec. 25. Subsection (e) of section 19a-88 of the 2026 supplement to the
1155 general statutes, as amended by section 197 of public act 25-168, is
1156 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
1157 *2026*):

1158 (e) (1) Each person holding a license or certificate issued under
1159 section 19a-514, 20-65k, 20-74s, 20-185k, 20-185l, 20-195cc or 20-206ll and
1160 chapters 370 to 373, inclusive, 375, 378 to 381a, inclusive, 383 to 383c,
1161 inclusive, 383g, 384, 384a, 384b, 385, 393a, 395, 399 or 400a and section
1162 20-206n or 20-206o shall, annually, or, in the case of a person holding a
1163 license as a marital and family therapist associate under section 20-195c
1164 on or before twenty-four months after the date of initial licensure,
1165 during the month of such person's birth, apply for renewal of such
1166 license or certificate to the Department of Public Health, giving such
1167 person's name in full, such person's residence and business address and
1168 such other information as the department requests.

1169 (2) Each person holding a license or certificate issued under section
1170 19a-514, and chapters 382e, 384a, 384c, 384d, 386, 387, 388 and 398 shall
1171 apply for renewal of such license or certificate once every two years,
1172 during the month of such person's birth, giving such person's name in
1173 full, such person's residence and business address and such other
1174 information as the department requests.

1175 (3) Each person holding a certificate issued under section 20-195ttt
1176 shall apply for renewal of such certificate once every three years, during
1177 the month of such person's birth, giving such person's name in full, such
1178 person's residence and business address and such other information as
1179 the department requests.

1180 (4) Each person holding a license or certificate issued pursuant to

1181 chapter 400c shall, annually, during the month of such person's birth,
1182 apply for renewal of such license or certificate to the department. Each
1183 lead training provider certified pursuant to chapter 400c and each
1184 asbestos training provider certified pursuant to chapter 400a shall,
1185 annually, during the anniversary month of such training provider's
1186 initial certification, apply for renewal of such certificate to the
1187 department.

1188 (5) Each entity holding a license issued pursuant to section 20-475
1189 shall, annually, during the anniversary month of initial licensure, apply
1190 for renewal of such license or certificate to the department.

1191 (6) Each person holding a license issued pursuant to section 20-162bb
1192 shall, annually, during the month of such person's birth, apply for
1193 renewal of such license to the Department of Public Health, upon
1194 payment of a fee of three hundred twenty dollars, giving such person's
1195 name in full, such person's residence and business address and such
1196 other information as the department requests.

1197 (7) Each person holding a license issued pursuant to section 20-278h
1198 shall, once every two years, during the anniversary month of initial
1199 licensure, apply for renewal of such license to the department.

1200 (8) Each person holding a certificate pursuant to section 21 of this act
1201 shall, on or before three years after the date of issuance of an initial or
1202 renewal certification, apply for renewal of such certificate to the
1203 department.

1204 Sec. 26. Subsection (n) of section 25-32 of the general statutes is
1205 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
1206 *2026*):

1207 (n) (1) On and after the effective date of regulations adopted under
1208 this subsection, no person shall operate any water treatment plant,
1209 water distribution system or small water system that treats or supplies
1210 water used or intended for use by the public, test any backflow
1211 prevention device, perform a cross connection survey without a

1212 certificate issued by the commissioner under this subsection or operate
1213 any water treatment plant or water distribution system as an operator-
1214 in-training unless such person is issued a certificate by the
1215 commissioner under this subsection. The commissioner shall adopt
1216 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to provide: (A) Standards for
1217 the operation of such water treatment plants, water distribution systems
1218 and small water systems; (B) standards and procedures for the issuance
1219 of certificates to operators and operators-in-training of such water
1220 treatment plants and water distribution systems and operators of small
1221 water systems, including, but not limited to, standards and procedures
1222 for the department's approval of third parties to administer certification
1223 examinations to such operators and operators-in-training; (C)
1224 procedures for the renewal of such certificates to operators every three
1225 years; (D) standards for training required for the issuance or renewal of
1226 a certificate; (E) standards and procedures for the department's
1227 approval of course providers and courses of study as they relate to
1228 certified operators and certified operators-in-training of water treatment
1229 plants and water distribution systems and certified operators of small
1230 water systems and certified persons who test backflow prevention
1231 devices or perform cross connection surveys for initial and renewal
1232 applications; and (F) standards and procedures for the issuance and
1233 renewal of certificates to persons who test backflow prevention devices
1234 or perform cross connection surveys. Such regulations shall be
1235 consistent with applicable federal law and guidelines for operator
1236 certification programs promulgated by the United States Environmental
1237 Protection Agency. For purposes of this subsection, "small water
1238 system" means a public water system, as defined in section 25-33d, that
1239 serves less than one thousand persons and has no treatment or has only
1240 treatment that does not require any chemical treatment, process
1241 adjustment, backwashing or media regeneration by an operator.

1242 (2) The commissioner may take any disciplinary action set forth in
1243 section 19a-17, except for the assessment of a civil penalty under
1244 subdivision (7) of subsection (a) of section 19a-17, against an operator,
1245 an operator-in-training, a person who tests backflow prevention devices

1246 or a person who performs cross connection surveys holding a certificate
1247 issued under this subsection for any of the following reasons: (A) Fraud
1248 or material deception in procuring a certificate, the renewal of a
1249 certificate or the reinstatement of a certificate; (B) fraud or material
1250 deception in the performance of the certified operator's or certified
1251 operator-in-training's professional activities; (C) incompetent, negligent
1252 or illegal performance of the certified operator's or certified operator-in-
1253 training's professional activities; (D) conviction of the certified operator
1254 or certified operator-in-training for a felony; or (E) failure of the certified
1255 operator or certified operator-in-training to complete the training
1256 required under subdivision (1) of this subsection.

1257 (3) The commissioner may issue an initial certificate to perform a
1258 function set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection upon receipt of a
1259 completed application, in a form prescribed by the commissioner,
1260 together with an application fee as follows: (A) For a water treatment
1261 plant, water distribution system or small water system operator
1262 certificate, or operator-in-training certificate for a water treatment plant
1263 or water distribution system, two hundred twenty-four dollars, except
1264 there shall be no such application fee required for a student enrolled in
1265 an accredited high school small water system operator certification
1266 course; (B) for a backflow prevention device tester certificate, one
1267 hundred fifty-four dollars; and (C) for a cross-connection survey
1268 inspector certificate, one hundred fifty-four dollars. A certificate issued
1269 pursuant to this subdivision shall expire three years from the date of
1270 issuance unless renewed by the certificate holder prior to such
1271 expiration date, except a certificate issued for an operator-in-training
1272 pursuant to this section shall expire six years from the date of issuance
1273 and shall not be renewable. The commissioner may renew a certificate,
1274 other than a certificate for an operator-in-training, for an additional
1275 three years upon receipt of a completed renewal application, in a form
1276 prescribed by the commissioner, together with a renewal application fee
1277 as follows: (i) For a water treatment plant, water distribution system or
1278 small water system operator certificate, ninety-eight dollars; (ii) for a
1279 backflow prevention device tester certificate, sixty-nine dollars; and (iii)

1280 for a cross-connection survey inspector certificate, sixty-nine dollars.

1281 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (3) of this
1282 subsection, the commissioner may issue a certification to an applicant
1283 for water treatment plant operator, water distribution system operator
1284 or small water system operator under this subsection upon receiving
1285 such applicant's written application, in a form and manner prescribed
1286 by the commissioner, if the applicant (A) is an apprentice registered
1287 with the Labor Department, (B) has successfully completed an
1288 apprenticeship approved by the Labor Department and conducted in
1289 accordance with sections 31-22m to 31-22u, inclusive, for the type of
1290 system for which the apprentice is seeking certification, and (C) has
1291 passed a written examination prescribed in the regulations of
1292 Connecticut state agencies after completion of an approved registered
1293 apprenticeship program for the classification level sought for
1294 certification. An apprentice shall provide written notification to the
1295 department not later than ten days before participating in such
1296 apprenticeship program. Such written notification shall be in a form and
1297 manner prescribed by the commissioner and shall include, but need not
1298 be limited to, information regarding the entity providing the
1299 apprenticeship program and the certified water operator or operators
1300 directly supervising such program. A registered apprentice shall be
1301 under direct supervision of a certified water operator of the type of
1302 system for which the apprentice is seeking certification but shall not
1303 make any process and system integrity decisions concerning the quality
1304 and quantity of water that affects public health. Failure of a certified
1305 water operator to provide the supervision or training required under
1306 this section shall be grounds for disciplinary action against the certified
1307 water operator pursuant to the provisions of this section.

1308 Sec. 27. Section 20-441 of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*
1309 *October 1, 2026*)"

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

Section 1	October 1, 2026	21a-150
Sec. 2	October 1, 2026	21a-150a(a)(2)
Sec. 3	October 1, 2026	21a-150b(c)
Sec. 4	October 1, 2026	21a-150c(a)(2)
Sec. 5	October 1, 2026	21a-150d(d)
Sec. 6	October 1, 2026	19a-37k
Sec. 7	October 1, 2026	19a-29a
Sec. 8	October 1, 2026	19a-14d(a)
Sec. 9	October 1, 2026	19a-332
Sec. 10	October 1, 2026	20-435
Sec. 11	October 1, 2026	20-436
Sec. 12	October 1, 2026	20-437
Sec. 13	October 1, 2026	20-438
Sec. 14	October 1, 2026	20-439
Sec. 15	October 1, 2026	20-440
Sec. 16	October 1, 2026	20-442a(a)
Sec. 17	<i>from passage</i>	19a-320
Sec. 18	<i>from passage</i>	8-2n
Sec. 19	October 1, 2026	20-442
Sec. 20	October 1, 2026	19a-37(a)(1)
Sec. 21	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 22	<i>from passage</i>	19a-14(c)
Sec. 23	July 1, 2026	19a-14(c)
Sec. 24	<i>from passage</i>	19a-88(e)
Sec. 25	July 1, 2026	19a-88(e)
Sec. 26	July 1, 2026	25-32(n)
Sec. 27	October 1, 2026	Repealer section