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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING VARIOUS STATUTES CONCERNING CONSUMER PROTECTION."**

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

3 "Section 1. Section 20-295b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5 (a) Any person who, on October 1, 1969, holds a certificate of  
6 authority or renewal issued pursuant to sections 20-295 and 20-295a of  
7 the general statutes, revised to 1968, shall be entered on the roster of  
8 licensed architects and shall thereafter be authorized and entitled to  
9 practice architecture in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

10 (b) An architect licensed in this state may perform the work of an  
11 interior designer as prescribed in chapter 396a without obtaining a  
12 certificate of registration as an interior designer under said chapter.  
13 [Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, an architect licensed

14 in this state shall not be required to satisfy the continuing education  
15 requirements for registered interior designers established in subsections  
16 (f) and (g) of section 20-377s if such architect satisfies all continuing  
17 education requirements set forth in this chapter necessary for such  
18 architect to maintain such license.]

19 (c) An architect licensed in this state who holds a certificate of  
20 registration as an interior designer issued under chapter 396a shall be  
21 subject to [(1) the continuing education requirements for registered  
22 interior designers established in subsections (f) and (g) of section 20-  
23 377s, and (2)] the fee for renewal of such certificate of registration  
24 established in subsection (e) of section 20-377s, as amended by this act.

25 Sec. 2. Section 20-305 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
26 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

27 Applications for licensure under this chapter shall be on forms  
28 prescribed and furnished by the Department of Consumer Protection.  
29 The nonrefundable application fee for a professional engineer license  
30 shall be eighty dollars. The nonrefundable application fee for an  
31 engineer-in-training license shall be seventy-six dollars, which shall  
32 accompany the application and which shall include the cost of the  
33 issuance of a license. The nonrefundable application fee for a land  
34 surveyor license shall be eighty dollars. The nonrefundable application  
35 fee for a surveyor-in-training license shall be sixty-four dollars, which  
36 shall accompany the application and which shall include the cost of the  
37 issuance of a license. The initial license fee for a professional engineer  
38 license or a land surveyor license shall be [two hundred twenty] four  
39 hundred forty dollars. The application fee for a combined license as  
40 professional engineer and land surveyor shall be eighty dollars. The  
41 initial license fee for such combined license shall be [two hundred  
42 twenty] four hundred forty dollars.

43 Sec. 3. Section 20-306 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
44 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

45 (a) [(1)] The Department of Consumer Protection shall notify each  
46 person licensed under this chapter of the date of the expiration of such  
47 license and the amount of the fee required for its renewal for [one year]  
48 two years. Such license renewals shall be accompanied by the payment  
49 of [the professional services fee for class G, as defined in section 33-182l,]  
50 five hundred seventy dollars in the case of a professional engineer  
51 license, a professional engineer and land surveyor combined license, or  
52 a land surveyor license. The license shall be considered lapsed if not  
53 renewed on or before the expiration date.

54 [(2) Annual] (b) Biennial renewal of an engineer-in-training license or  
55 a surveyor-in-training license shall not be required. Any such license  
56 shall remain valid for a period of ten years from the date of its original  
57 issuance and, during this time, it shall meet in part the requirements for  
58 licensure as a professional engineer or land surveyor. It shall not be the  
59 duty of the department to notify the holder of an engineer-in-training  
60 license or a surveyor-in-training license of the date of expiration of such  
61 license other than to publish it annually in the roster.

62 [(3)] (c) Renewal of any license under this chapter or payment of  
63 renewal fees shall not be required of any licensee serving in the armed  
64 forces of the United States until the next renewal period immediately  
65 following the termination of such service or the renewal period  
66 following the fifth year after such licensee's entry into such service,  
67 whichever occurs first. The status of such licensees shall be indicated in  
68 the annual roster of professional engineers and land surveyors.

69 [(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section  
70 concerning fees, any person who is licensed under the provisions of this  
71 chapter, who is age sixty-five or over and who is no longer actively  
72 engaged in the practice of engineering or any of its branches, or land  
73 surveying, may renew such license annually upon payment of the  
74 professional services fee for class A, as defined in section 33-182l.]

75 Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 20-308 of the general statutes is  
76 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*

77 1, 2026):

78 (a) The board may, upon application and the payment of a fee of [one  
79 hundred ninety] three hundred eighty dollars to the Department of  
80 Consumer Protection, authorize the department to issue a license as a  
81 professional engineer, or a combined license as a professional engineer  
82 and land surveyor or, upon application and the payment of a fee of [one  
83 hundred ninety] three hundred eighty dollars, to issue a license as a land  
84 surveyor to any person who holds a certificate of qualification, licensure  
85 or registration issued to such person by the proper authority of any  
86 state, territory or possession of the United States, or any country, or the  
87 National Bureau of Engineering Registration, provided the  
88 requirements for the licensure or registration of professional engineers  
89 or land surveyors under which such license, certificate of qualification  
90 or registration was issued shall not conflict with the provisions of this  
91 chapter and shall be of a standard not lower than that specified in  
92 section 20-302. Upon request of any such applicant the board may, if it  
93 determines that the application is in apparent good order, authorize the  
94 department to grant to such applicant permission in writing to practice  
95 engineering or land surveying or both for a specified period of time  
96 while such application is pending. The board may waive the first part  
97 of the examination specified in subdivision (1) of section 20-302 in the  
98 case of an applicant for licensure as a professional engineer who holds  
99 a certificate as an engineer-in-training issued to him by the proper  
100 authority of any state, territory or possession of the United States,  
101 provided the requirements under which the certificate was issued do  
102 not conflict with the provisions of this chapter and are of a standard at  
103 least equal to that specified in said subdivision (1). The board may waive  
104 that part of the examination specified in subdivision (3) of section 20-  
105 302 relating to the fundamentals of land surveying, in the case of an  
106 applicant for licensure as a land surveyor who holds a certificate as a  
107 surveyor-in-training issued to him by the proper authority of any state,  
108 territory or possession of the United States, provided the requirements  
109 under which the certificate was issued do not conflict with the  
110 provisions of this chapter and are of a standard at least equal to that

111 specified in said subdivision (3).

112 Sec. 5. Subsection (c) of section 20-314 of the general statutes is  
113 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
114 *2026*):

115 (c) In order to determine the competency of any applicant for a real  
116 estate licensee's license, the commission or Commissioner of Consumer  
117 Protection shall, on payment of an application fee of one hundred  
118 twenty dollars by an applicant for a real estate broker's license or an  
119 application fee of eighty dollars by an applicant for a real estate  
120 salesperson's license, subject such applicant to personal written  
121 examination as to the applicant's competency to act as a real estate  
122 broker or real estate salesperson, as the case may be. Each examination  
123 shall be prepared by the department or by a national testing service  
124 designated by the commissioner and shall be administered to applicants  
125 by the department or by such testing service at such times and places as  
126 the commissioner may deem necessary. The commission or  
127 commissioner may waive the uniform portion of the written  
128 examination requirement in the case of an applicant who has taken the  
129 national testing service examination in another state within two years  
130 from the date of application and has received a score deemed  
131 satisfactory by the commission or commissioner. An applicant shall  
132 submit to the commission or commissioner evidence that the applicant  
133 has successfully completed the final examination for the real estate  
134 license for which such applicant has applied, which successful  
135 completion shall occur within two years from the date of application  
136 unless the applicant submits to the commission a written request for,  
137 and the commission grants, a hardship extension of such two-year  
138 period. The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with  
139 chapter 54, establishing passing scores for examinations. In addition to  
140 such application fee, applicants taking the examination administered by  
141 a national testing service shall be required to pay directly to such testing  
142 service an examination fee covering the cost of such examination. Each  
143 payment of such application fee shall entitle the applicant to take such

144 examination within the one-year period from the date of payment.

145 Sec. 6. Subdivision (3) of section 20-330 of the general statutes is  
146 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
147 *passage*):

148 (3) "Plumbing and piping work" means the installation, repair,  
149 replacement, alteration, maintenance, inspection or testing of  
150 alternative fuels, petroleum-based products, gas, water and associated  
151 fixtures, tubing and piping mains and branch lines up to and including  
152 the closest valve to a machine or equipment used in the manufacturing  
153 process, laboratory equipment, sanitary equipment, other than  
154 subsurface sewage disposal systems, fire prevention apparatus, all  
155 water systems for human usage, sewage treatment facilities and all  
156 associated fittings within a building and includes lateral storm and  
157 sanitary lines from buildings to the mains, process piping, swimming  
158 pools and pumping equipment, and includes making connections to  
159 back flow prevention devices, and includes low voltage wiring, not  
160 exceeding twenty-four volts, used within a lawn sprinkler system, but  
161 does not include (A) solar thermal work performed pursuant to a  
162 certificate held as provided in section 20-334g, except for the repair of  
163 those portions of a solar hot water heating system that include the basic  
164 domestic hot water tank and the tie-in to the potable water system, (B)  
165 the installation, repair, replacement, alteration, maintenance, inspection  
166 or testing of fire prevention apparatus within a structure, except for  
167 standpipes that are not connected to sprinkler systems, (C) medical gas  
168 and vacuum systems work, and (D) millwright work. For the purposes  
169 of this subdivision, "process piping" means piping or tubing that  
170 conveys liquid or gas that is used directly in the production of a  
171 chemical or a product for human consumption;

172 Sec. 7. Section 20-337 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
173 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

174 (a) Nothing in this chapter shall require that the ownership or control  
175 of a business engaged in providing the work or services licensed under

176 the provisions of this chapter be vested in a person licensed under this  
177 chapter, but all the work and services set forth in section 20-330, as  
178 amended by this act, shall be performed by persons licensed for such  
179 work or occupation under this chapter.

180 (b) (1) A business engaged in providing any work or services licensed  
181 under the provisions of this chapter shall (A) designate a contractor of  
182 record, and (B) disclose to the Department of Consumer Protection, in a  
183 form and manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Consumer  
184 Protection, (i) the name, telephone number and electronic mail address  
185 of such designated contractor of record, and (ii) any change in the  
186 information disclosed to the department pursuant to subparagraph  
187 (B)(i) of this subdivision, including, but not limited to, any change in  
188 such information due to the designation of a substitute contractor of  
189 record, not later than ten days after such change occurs.

190 (2) Each contractor of record designated pursuant to subdivision (1)  
191 of this subsection shall be (A) an owner or direct employee of the  
192 business, (B) licensed, in good standing, under this chapter to perform  
193 the work or services provided by the business, (C) regularly engaged  
194 with the business while such business is engaged in providing any work  
195 or services licensed under the provisions of this chapter, and (D)  
196 responsible for acting on behalf of the business in obtaining any  
197 building permit required by such business.

198 (3) No contractor of record designated pursuant to subdivision (1) of  
199 this subsection who is a direct employee of the business shall serve as  
200 the designated contractor of record for more than one business at any  
201 time.

202 (4) For purposes of this subsection, "direct employee" (A) means an  
203 individual whose (i) manner and means of work performance are  
204 subject to the right of control of, or are controlled by, the business, and  
205 (ii) compensation is reported, or required to be reported, on a federal  
206 Form W-2 issued by, or caused to be issued by, the business, and (B)  
207 does not include any individual who is an independent contractor,

208 subcontractor or consultant of the business.

209 Sec. 8. Section 20-377s of the general statutes is repealed and the  
210 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

211 (a) A registered interior designer shall include his or her certificate of  
212 registration number in any advertisement and may include his or her  
213 certificate of registration number in any written communication.

214 (b) No person shall: (1) Present or attempt to present, as his or her  
215 own, the certificate of another, (2) knowingly give false evidence of a  
216 material nature to the commissioner for the purpose of procuring a  
217 certificate, (3) use or attempt to use a certificate which has expired or  
218 which has been suspended or revoked, (4) represent himself or herself  
219 falsely as, or impersonate, a registered interior designer, or (5) represent  
220 in any manner that his or her certificate of registration constitutes an  
221 endorsement of the quality of his or her workmanship or of his or her  
222 competency by the commissioner.

223 (c) Certificates of registration issued to an interior designer shall not  
224 be transferable or assignable.

225 (d) All certificates of registration issued under the provisions of  
226 sections 20-377k to 20-377v, inclusive, shall expire annually.

227 (e) A registered interior designer may apply for renewal of a  
228 certificate of registration. The fee for renewal of such certificate of  
229 registration shall be one hundred ninety dollars, provided any architect  
230 licensed in this state shall not be required to pay such fee.

231 [(f) A registered interior designer shall complete a minimum of four  
232 hours of continuing education every three years. Such three-year period  
233 shall commence on the first date of renewal of the applicant's certificate  
234 of registration on or after October 1, 2015. The continuing education  
235 shall be in areas related to the application of the State Building Code and  
236 the Fire Safety Code.

237 (g) A registered interior designer who applies for a renewal of a  
238 certificate of registration on or after October 1, 2018, shall sign a  
239 statement on a form prescribed by the commissioner attesting that he or  
240 she has satisfied the continuing education requirements of subsection (f)  
241 of this section. Such applicant shall retain records of attendance or  
242 certificates of completion that demonstrate compliance with such  
243 continuing education requirements for a minimum of three years  
244 following the year in which the continuing education activities were  
245 completed. Such applicant shall submit such records to the  
246 commissioner for inspection not later than forty-five days after a request  
247 by the commissioner for such records.]

248 Sec. 9. Subdivision (5) of section 20-670 of the general statutes is  
249 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
250 *passage*):

251 (5) "Comprehensive background check" means a background  
252 investigation of a prospective employee performed by a homemaker-  
253 companion agency, that includes (A) a review of any application  
254 materials prepared or requested by the homemaker-companion agency  
255 and completed by the prospective employee, (B) an in-person or video-  
256 conference interview of the prospective employee, (C) verification of the  
257 prospective employee's Social Security number, (D) if the prospective  
258 employee has applied for a position within the homemaker-companion  
259 agency that requires licensure on the part of such prospective employee,  
260 verification that the required license is in good standing, (E) a check of  
261 the registry established and maintained pursuant to section 54-257, (F)  
262 a [local] state and national criminal background check of criminal  
263 matters of public record based on the prospective employee's name and  
264 date of birth that includes a search of a multistate and multijurisdiction  
265 criminal record locator or other similar commercial nationwide  
266 database with validation, and a search of the United States Department  
267 of Justice National Sex Offender Public Website, conducted by a third-  
268 party consumer reporting agency or background screening company  
269 that is accredited by the Professional Background Screening Association

270 and in compliance with the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act, (G) if the  
271 prospective employee has resided in this state for less than three years  
272 prior to the date of such prospective employee's application with the  
273 homemaker-companion agency, a review of criminal conviction  
274 information from the state or states where such prospective employee  
275 resided during such three-year period, and (H) a review of any other  
276 information that the homemaker-companion agency deems necessary in  
277 order to evaluate the suitability of the prospective employee for the  
278 position.

279 Sec. 10. Section 21a-39 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
280 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

281 (a) As used in this section, "adulterated" has the same meaning as  
282 provided in section 21a-101.

283 [(a)] (b) No person shall sell or offer or expose for sale in any  
284 establishment or vending machine, or have in [his] such person's  
285 possession with intent to sell therefrom, any food, beverage or  
286 ingredient which is adulterated or misbranded.

287 [(b)] (c) The commissioner may cause samples of any food, beverage  
288 or ingredient so sold, offered, exposed or possessed to be taken and  
289 examined as often as may be necessary to determine freedom from  
290 adulteration or misbranding. Upon written notice to the establishment  
291 or vending machine operator, the commissioner may [impound and]  
292 take the following actions to protect public health and safety: (1)  
293 Impound any food or beverage which is adulterated or misbranded; (2)  
294 forbid the sale of any food or beverage which is adulterated or  
295 misbranded; and [, after hearing,] (3) prohibit such establishment from  
296 selling or offering for sale any food or beverage which was adulterated  
297 or misbranded until the conditions that caused such adulteration or  
298 misbranding, and are likely to cause future adulteration or  
299 misbranding, have been remedied.

300 (d) After a hearing, the commissioner may cause any [such]

301 adulterated or misbranded food or beverage to be destroyed, provided,  
302 in the case of misbranding which may be corrected by proper labeling,  
303 the commissioner may release such food or beverage to the  
304 establishment or vending machine operator upon corrective action  
305 being taken.

306 Sec. 11. Subsection (a) of section 21a-430 of the 2026 supplement to  
307 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
308 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

309 (a) No person shall place or cause to be placed in a public place a  
310 donation bin for the donation of clothing or other articles unless (1) such  
311 person obtains advance written consent from the owner of such public  
312 place, or such owner's duly authorized agent, to place such donation  
313 bin, or cause such bin to be placed, in such public place, and (2) such bin  
314 contains a notice, in block letters at least two inches high, stating, (A) if  
315 the donation is for a charitable purpose, (i) the name of the nonprofit  
316 organization that will benefit from the donation, (ii) the charity  
317 registration number the Department of Consumer Protection issued to  
318 the nonprofit organization, (iii) the name and contact information of the  
319 owner of such bin, and [(iii)] (iv) that the public may contact the  
320 Department of Consumer Protection for further information, or (B) if not  
321 intended for a charitable purpose, that such donation is not for a  
322 charitable purpose. Such notice shall be on the same side of the bin  
323 where the donation is likely to be made. As used in this section, "public  
324 place" means any area that is used or held out for use by the public,  
325 whether owned or operated by public or private interests, and "donation  
326 bin" means a large container commonly placed in a parking lot for the  
327 purpose of encouraging individuals to donate clothing or other items.

328 Sec. 12. Subsection (a) of section 51-344a of the general statutes is  
329 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
330 *passage*):

331 (a) Whenever the term "judicial district of Hartford-New Britain" or  
332 "judicial district of Hartford-New Britain at Hartford" is used or referred

333 to in the following sections of the general statutes, it shall be deemed to  
334 mean or refer to the judicial district of Hartford on and after September  
335 1, 1998: Sections 2-48, 3-21a, 3-62d, 3-70a, 3-71a, 4-61, 4-160, 4-164, 4-  
336 177b, 4-180, 4-183, 4-197, 5-202, 5-276a, 8-30g, 9-7a, 9-7b, 9-369b, 10-153e,  
337 12-208, 12-237, 12-268l, 12-312, 12-330m, 12-405k, 12-422, 12-448, 12-454,  
338 12-456, 12-463, 12-489, 12-522, 12-554, 12-565, 12-572, 12-586f, 12-597, 12-  
339 730, 13b-34, 13b-235, 13b-315, 13b-375, 14-57, 14-66, 14-67u, 14-110, 14-  
340 195, 14-311, 14-311c, 14-324, 14-331, 15-125, 15-126, 16-41, 16a-5, 17b-60,  
341 17b-100, 17b-238, 17b-531, 19a-85, 19a-86, 19a-425, 19a-498, 19a-517, 19a-  
342 526, 19a-633, 20-12f, 20-13e, 20-29, 20-40, 20-45, 20-59, 20-73a, 20-86f, 20-  
343 99, 20-114, 20-133, 20-154, 20-156, 20-162p, 20-192, 20-195p, 20-202, 20-  
344 206c, 20-227, 20-238, 20-247, 20-263, 20-271, 20-307, 20-341f, 20-363, 20-  
345 373, 20-404, 20-414, 21a-55, 21a-190i, 22-7, 22-228, 22-248, 22-254, 22-  
346 320d, 22-326a, 22-344b, 22-386, 22a-6b, 22a-7, 22a-16, 22a-30, 22a-34, 22a-  
347 53, 22a-60, 22a-62, 22a-63, 22a-66h, 22a-106a, 22a-119, 22a-180, 22a-182a,  
348 22a-184, 22a-220a, 22a-220d, 22a-225, 22a-226, 22a-226c, 22a-227, 22a-  
349 250, 22a-255l, 22a-276, 22a-310, 22a-342a, 22a-344, 22a-361a, 22a-374, 22a-  
350 376, 22a-408, 22a-430, 22a-432, 22a-438, 22a-449f, 22a-449g, 22a-459, 23-  
351 5e, 23-65m, 25-32e, 25-36, 28-5, 29-143j, 29-158, 29-161z, 29-323, 30-8, 31-  
352 109, 31-249b, 31-266, 31-266a, 31-270, 31-273, 31-284, 31-285, 31-339, 31-  
353 355a, 31-379, 35-3c, 35-42, 36a-186, 36a-187, 36a-471a, 36a-494, 36a-587,  
354 36a-647, 36a-684, 36a-718, 36a-807, 36b-26, 36b-27, 36b-30, 36b-50, 36b-  
355 71, 36b-72, 36b-74, 36b-76, 38a-41, 38a-52, 38a-134, 38a-139, 38a-140, 38a-  
356 147, 38a-150, 38a-185, 38a-209, 38a-225, 38a-226b, 38a-241, 38a-337, 38a-  
357 470, 38a-620, 38a-657, 38a-687, 38a-774, 38a-776, 38a-817, 38a-843, 38a-  
358 868, 38a-906, 38a-994, [42-103c,] 42-110d, 42-110k, 42-110p, 42-182, 46a-  
359 56, 46a-100, 47a-21, 49-73, 51-44a, 51-81b, 51-194, 52-146j, 53-392d and  
360 54-211a.

361 Sec. 13. Section 20-324a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
362 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

363 The commission shall establish, and the department shall maintain, a  
364 Real Estate Guaranty Fund from which, subject to the provisions of this  
365 section and sections 20-324b to 20-324i, inclusive, any person aggrieved

366 by any action of a real estate licensee, duly licensed in this state under  
367 section 20-312, by reason of the embezzlement of money or property, or  
368 money or property unlawfully obtained from any person by false  
369 pretenses, artifice or forgery or by reason of any fraud,  
370 misrepresentation or deceit by or on the part of any such real estate  
371 licensee or the unlicensed employee of any such real estate licensee, may  
372 recover, upon approval by the [commission] department of an  
373 application brought pursuant to the provisions of section 20-324e, as  
374 amended by this act, compensation in an amount not exceeding in the  
375 aggregate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars in connection with  
376 any one real estate transaction or claim, regardless of the number of  
377 persons aggrieved or parcels of real estate involved in such real estate  
378 transaction or claim.

379 Sec. 14. Section 20-324c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
380 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

381 The [commission] department shall maintain the Real Estate  
382 Guaranty Fund at a level not to exceed five hundred thousand dollars  
383 and to this intent moneys received under section 20-324b shall be  
384 credited to said fund whenever the fund balance is below five hundred  
385 thousand dollars. Any such moneys may be invested or reinvested in  
386 the same manner as funds of the state employees retirement system. The  
387 interest arising from such investments shall be credited to the Real  
388 Estate Guaranty Fund whenever the fund balance is below five hundred  
389 thousand dollars, and to the General Fund whenever the fund balance  
390 is equal to or greater than five hundred thousand dollars. Any moneys  
391 received under section 20-324b not required to maintain the Real Estate  
392 Guaranty Fund balance shall be deposited to the General Fund. All  
393 moneys in the Real Estate Guaranty Fund in excess of five hundred  
394 thousand dollars, shall be transferred by the State Treasurer to the  
395 General Fund.

396 Sec. 15. Section 20-324d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
397 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

398 No application to recover compensation under sections 20-324a to 20-  
399 324i, inclusive, as amended by this act, which might subsequently result  
400 in an order for collection from the Real Estate Guaranty Fund shall be  
401 brought later than two years from the final determination of, or  
402 expiration of time for appeal in connection with, any binding arbitration  
403 decision or any court judgment, order or decree.

404 Sec. 16. Subsection (e) of section 20-324e of the 2026 supplement to  
405 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
406 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

407 (e) If the [department] Department of Consumer Protection pays  
408 from the Real Estate Guaranty Fund any amount in settlement of a claim  
409 or toward satisfaction of a decision, judgment, order or decree against a  
410 real estate licensee or an unlicensed employee of a real estate licensee  
411 pursuant to an order under subsection (d) of this section, such person  
412 shall not be eligible to receive a new license until such person has repaid  
413 such amount in full [,] plus interest at the rate of ten per cent per year,  
414 which interest shall accrue from the date on which the Department of  
415 Consumer Protection makes such payment from the fund until the date  
416 on which the Commissioner of Consumer Protection refers the unpaid  
417 amount to the Department of Administrative Services for collection. A  
418 discharge in bankruptcy shall not relieve a person from the penalties  
419 and disabilities provided in this subsection.

420 Sec. 17. Section 20-324f of the general statutes is repealed and the  
421 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

422 Any person filing with the [commission] department any notice,  
423 statement or other document required under the provisions of section  
424 20-324e, as amended by this act, which is false or untrue or contains any  
425 material misstatement of fact shall be fined not less than two hundred  
426 dollars.

427 Sec. 18. Section 20-324h of the general statutes is repealed and the  
428 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

429 When the [commission] department has caused to be paid from the  
430 Real Estate Guaranty Fund any sum to the [judgment] creditor under a  
431 decision, judgment, order or decree, the [commission] department shall  
432 be subrogated to all of the rights of the [judgment] creditor up to the  
433 amount paid, and the [judgment] creditor shall assign all of [his] the  
434 creditor's right, title and interest in the decision, judgment, order or  
435 decree up to such amount paid to the [commission] department, and  
436 any amount and interest recovered by the [commission] department on  
437 the decision, judgment, order or decree shall be deposited to the fund.

438 Sec. 19. Subsection (o) of section 20-417i of the 2026 supplement to the  
439 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
440 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

441 (o) If the commissioner orders the payment of an amount as a result  
442 of a guaranty fund claim against a new home construction contractor,  
443 the commissioner may, after notice and hearing in accordance with the  
444 provisions of chapter 54, revoke the certificate of such contractor and  
445 such contractor shall not be eligible to receive a new or renewed  
446 certificate until such contractor has repaid such amount in full [,] plus  
447 interest [from the time such payment is made from the New Home  
448 Construction Guaranty Fund,] at a rate to be in accordance with section  
449 37-3b, [except that] which interest shall accrue from the date on which  
450 such payment is made from the New Home Construction Guaranty  
451 Fund until the date on which the commissioner refers the unpaid  
452 amount to the Department of Administrative Services for collection.  
453 Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, the commissioner  
454 may, in the commissioner's sole discretion, permit a new home  
455 construction contractor to receive a new or renewed certificate after such  
456 contractor has entered into an agreement with the commissioner  
457 whereby such contractor agrees to repay the fund in full in the form of  
458 periodic payments over a set period of time. Any such agreement shall  
459 include a provision providing for the summary suspension of any and  
460 all certificates held by the new home construction contractor if payment  
461 is not made in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

462 Sec. 20. Subsections (d) to (p), inclusive, of section 20-432 of the  
463 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
464 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

465 (d) Whenever an owner obtains a binding arbitration decision, a court  
466 judgment, order or decree against any contractor holding a certificate or  
467 who has held a certificate under this chapter, or against a proprietor,  
468 within two years of the date such contractor entered into the contract  
469 with the owner, for loss or damages sustained by reason of performance  
470 of or offering to perform a home improvement within this state by a  
471 contractor holding a certificate under this chapter, such owner may,  
472 upon the final determination of, or expiration of time for, taking an  
473 appeal in connection with any such decision, judgment, order or decree,  
474 apply to the commissioner for an order directing payment out of said  
475 guaranty fund of the amount unpaid upon the decision, judgment,  
476 order or decree, for actual damages and costs taxed by the court against  
477 the contractor or proprietor, exclusive of punitive damages. The  
478 application shall be made on forms provided by the commissioner and  
479 shall be accompanied by a copy of the decision, court judgment, order  
480 or decree obtained against the contractor or proprietor together with a  
481 statement signed and sworn to by the owner, affirming that the owner  
482 has made a good faith effort to satisfy such decision, judgment, order or  
483 decree in accordance with the provisions of chapter 906. Such good faith  
484 effort may include causing to be issued a writ of execution upon such  
485 decision, judgment, order or decree, provided the officer executing such  
486 writ has made a return (1) showing that no bank accounts or personal  
487 property of the contractor or proprietor liable to be levied upon in  
488 satisfaction of such decision, judgment, order or decree could be found,  
489 or that the amount realized on the sale of such accounts or property or  
490 of such accounts or property as were found, under the execution, was  
491 insufficient to satisfy the actual damage portion of such decision,  
492 judgment, order or decree, or (2) stating the amount realized and the  
493 balance remaining due on such decision, judgment, order or decree after  
494 such application on such decision, judgment, order or decree of the  
495 amount realized. The requirements of this subsection shall not apply to

496 a judgment, order or decree obtained by the owner in small claims court.  
497 No application for an order directing payment out of the guaranty fund  
498 shall be made later than two years after the final determination of, or  
499 expiration of time for, taking an appeal of [said] such decision, court  
500 judgment, order or decree.

501 (e) Upon receipt of [said] such application together with [said] such  
502 copy of the decision, court judgment, order or decree, such statement  
503 and, except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, such true and  
504 attested copy of the executing officer's return, the commissioner or the  
505 commissioner's designee shall inspect such documents for their veracity  
506 and upon a determination that such documents are complete and  
507 authentic, and a determination that the owner has not been paid, the  
508 commissioner shall order payment out of the guaranty fund of the  
509 amount unpaid upon the decision, judgment, order or decree for actual  
510 damages and costs taxed by the court against the contractor or, if the  
511 contractor is a business entity, a proprietor, exclusive of punitive  
512 damages.

513 (f) Whenever an owner is awarded an order of restitution against any  
514 contractor or, if the contractor is a business entity, any proprietor for  
515 loss or damages sustained by reason of performance of or offering to  
516 perform a home improvement in this state by a contractor holding a  
517 certificate or who has held a certificate under this chapter within two  
518 years of the date of entering into the contract with the owner, in a  
519 proceeding brought by the commissioner pursuant to this section or  
520 subsection (d) of section 42-110d, or in a proceeding brought by the  
521 Attorney General pursuant to subsection (a) of section 42-110m or  
522 subsection (d) of section 42-110d, or a criminal proceeding pursuant to  
523 section 20-427, such owner may, upon the final determination of, or  
524 expiration of time for, taking an appeal in connection with any such  
525 order of restitution, apply to the commissioner for an order directing  
526 payment out of said guaranty fund of the amount unpaid upon the  
527 order of restitution. The commissioner may issue [said] such order upon  
528 a determination that the owner has not been paid.

529 (g) Whenever the commissioner orders payment to an owner out of  
530 the guaranty fund based upon a decision, court judgment, order or  
531 decree of restitution against any [proprietor] individual or business  
532 entity that holds or has held a certificate under this chapter, such  
533 [proprietor and the] individual or business entity [that holds or held a  
534 certificate under this chapter] shall be liable for the resulting debt to the  
535 guaranty fund.

536 (h) Before the commissioner may issue any order directing payment  
537 out of the guaranty fund to an owner pursuant to subsection (e) or (f) of  
538 this section, the commissioner shall first notify the contractor of the  
539 owner's application for an order directing payment out of the guaranty  
540 fund and of the contractor's right to a hearing to contest the  
541 disbursement in the event that the contractor or proprietor has already  
542 paid the owner or is complying with a payment schedule in accordance  
543 with a court judgment, order or decree. Such notice shall be given to the  
544 contractor not later than fifteen days after receipt by the commissioner  
545 of the owner's application for an order directing payment out of the  
546 guaranty fund. If the contractor requests a hearing, in writing, by  
547 certified mail not later than fifteen days after receiving the notice from  
548 the commissioner, the commissioner shall grant such request and shall  
549 conduct a hearing in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54. If the  
550 commissioner does not receive a request by certified mail from the  
551 contractor for a hearing not later than fifteen days after the contractor's  
552 receipt of such notice, the commissioner shall determine that the owner  
553 has not been paid, and the commissioner shall issue an order directing  
554 payment out of the guaranty fund for the amount unpaid upon the  
555 judgment, order or decree for actual damages and costs taxed by the  
556 court against the contractor or proprietor, exclusive of punitive  
557 damages, or for the amount unpaid upon the order of restitution.

558 (i) The commissioner or the commissioner's designee may proceed  
559 against any contractor holding a certificate or who has held a certificate  
560 under this chapter within the past two years of the effective date of  
561 entering into the contract with the owner, for an order of restitution

562 arising from loss or damages sustained by any person by reason of such  
563 contractor's or the proprietor's performance of or offering to perform a  
564 home improvement in this state. Any such proceeding shall be held in  
565 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54. In the course of such  
566 proceeding, the commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall  
567 decide whether to exercise the commissioner's powers pursuant to  
568 section 20-426; whether to order restitution arising from loss or damages  
569 sustained by any person by reason of such contractor's or proprietor's  
570 performance or offering to perform a home improvement in this state;  
571 and whether to order payment out of the guaranty fund.  
572 Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 54, the decision of the  
573 commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall be final with respect  
574 to any proceeding to order payment out of the guaranty fund and the  
575 commissioner and the commissioner's designee shall not be subject to  
576 the requirements of chapter 54 as they relate to appeal from any such  
577 decision. The commissioner or the commissioner's designee may hear  
578 complaints of all owners submitting claims against a single contractor  
579 in one proceeding.

580 (j) No application for an order directing payment out of the guaranty  
581 fund shall be made later than two years from the final determination of,  
582 or expiration of time for, appeal in connection with any decision,  
583 judgment, order or decree of restitution.

584 (k) Whenever the owner satisfies the commissioner or the  
585 commissioner's designee that it is not practicable to comply with the  
586 requirements of subsection (d) of this section and that the owner has  
587 taken all reasonable steps to collect the amount of the decision,  
588 judgment, order or decree or the unsatisfied part thereof and has been  
589 unable to collect the same, the commissioner or the commissioner's  
590 designee may, in the commissioner's or such designee's discretion,  
591 dispense with the necessity for complying with such requirement.

592 (l) In order to preserve the integrity of the guaranty fund, the  
593 commissioner, in the commissioner's sole discretion, may order  
594 payment out of said fund of an amount less than the actual loss or

595 damages incurred by the owner or less than the order of restitution  
596 awarded by the commissioner or the Superior Court. In no event shall  
597 any payment out of said guaranty fund be in excess of twenty-five  
598 thousand dollars for any single claim by an owner.

599 (m) If the money deposited in the guaranty fund is insufficient to  
600 satisfy any duly authorized claim or portion thereof, the commissioner  
601 shall, when sufficient money has been deposited in the fund, satisfy  
602 such unpaid claims or portions thereof, in the order that such claims or  
603 portions thereof were originally determined.

604 (n) Whenever the commissioner has caused any sum to be paid from  
605 the guaranty fund to an owner, the commissioner shall be subrogated to  
606 all of the rights of the owner up to the amount paid plus reasonable  
607 interest, and prior to receipt of any payment from the guaranty fund,  
608 the owner shall assign all of [this] the owner's right, title and interest in  
609 the claim up to such amount to the commissioner, and any amount and  
610 interest recovered by the commissioner on the claim shall be deposited  
611 to the guaranty fund.

612 (o) If the commissioner orders the payment of any amount as a result  
613 of a guaranty fund claim against a contractor or proprietor, the  
614 commissioner shall determine if the contractor is possessed of assets  
615 liable to be sold or applied in satisfaction of the claim on the guaranty  
616 fund. If the commissioner discovers any such assets, the commissioner  
617 may request that the Attorney General take any action necessary for the  
618 reimbursement of the guaranty fund.

619 (p) If the commissioner orders the payment of an amount as a result  
620 of a guaranty fund claim against a contractor, the commissioner may,  
621 after notice and hearing in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54,  
622 revoke the certificate of the contractor. [and the] Any contractor, or any  
623 individual who has an ownership interest in a business entity that holds  
624 or has held a certificate under this chapter, shall not be eligible to receive  
625 a new or renewed certificate until the contractor or individual has  
626 repaid such amount in full [,] plus interest [from the time said payment

627 is made from the guaranty fund,] at a rate to be in accordance with  
628 section 37-3b, [except that] which interest shall accrue from the date on  
629 which payment is made from the guaranty fund until the commissioner  
630 refers the unpaid amount to the Department of Administrative Services  
631 for collection. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, the  
632 commissioner may, in the commissioner's sole discretion, permit a  
633 contractor to receive a new or renewed certificate after that contractor  
634 has entered into an agreement with the commissioner whereby the  
635 contractor agrees to repay the guaranty fund in full in the form of  
636 periodic payments over a set period of time. Any such agreement shall  
637 include a provision providing for the summary suspension of any and  
638 all certificates held by the contractor if payment is not made in  
639 accordance with the terms of the agreement.

640 Sec. 21. Subsection (h) of section 21a-226 of the 2026 supplement to  
641 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
642 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

643 (h) If the [commissioner] Department of Consumer Protection pays  
644 any amount as a result of a claim against a health club pursuant to an  
645 order under subsection (g) of this section, the health club shall [pay]  
646 repay the amount due plus interest at the rate of ten per cent per year,  
647 which interest shall accrue from the date on which the Department of  
648 Consumer Protection makes such payment from the guaranty fund until  
649 the date on which the Commissioner of Consumer Protection refers the  
650 unpaid amount to the Department of Administrative Services for  
651 collection. A health club shall not be eligible to receive a new or renewed  
652 license until the health club has repaid such amount in full. All funds  
653 [paid] repaid pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited in the  
654 guaranty fund.

655 Sec. 22. Section 30-18a of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes  
656 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
657 *1, 2026*):

658 (a) As used in this section:

659 (1) "Out-of-state" (A) means (i) any state other than Connecticut, (ii)  
660 any territory or possession of the United States, (iii) the District of  
661 Columbia, or (iv) the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and (B) does not  
662 include any foreign country;

663 (2) "Retailer" means any business entity that (A) is primarily engaged  
664 in selling alcoholic liquor in sealed bottles or other containers for off-  
665 premises consumption, and (B) holds a retailer permit issued by the  
666 alcohol beverage authority of its home state; and

667 (3) "Wine" includes, but is not limited to, (A) cider not exceeding six  
668 per cent alcohol by volume, and (B) apple wine not exceeding fifteen per  
669 cent alcohol by volume.

670 ~~[(a)]~~ (b) (1) An out-of-state winery shipper's permit for wine shall  
671 allow the sale of wine to manufacturer and wholesaler permittees in this  
672 state as permitted by law and for those shippers that produce not more  
673 than one hundred thousand gallons of wine per year, the sale and  
674 shipment by the holder thereof to a retailer of wine manufactured by  
675 such permittee in the original sealed containers of not more than fifteen  
676 gallons per container. [For purposes of this section, "wine" shall include  
677 cider not exceeding six per cent alcohol by volume and apple wine not  
678 exceeding fifteen per cent alcohol by volume.]

679 (2) An out-of-state retailer shipper's permit for wine shall allow the  
680 sale and shipment of wine directly to a consumer in this state.

681 ~~[(b)]~~ (c) Subject to the provisions of this subsection, the permits under  
682 subsection ~~[(a)]~~ (b) of this section shall allow the sale and delivery or  
683 shipment of wine manufactured or sold by the permittee directly to a  
684 consumer in this state. Such permittee, when selling and shipping wine  
685 directly to a consumer in this state, shall: (1) Ensure that the shipping  
686 labels on all containers of wine shipped directly to a consumer in this  
687 state conspicuously state the following: "CONTAINS ALCOHOL –  
688 SIGNATURE OF A PERSON AGE 21 OR OLDER REQUIRED FOR  
689 DELIVERY"; (2) obtain the signature of a person age twenty-one or older

690 at the address prior to delivery, after requiring the signer to demonstrate  
691 that he or she is age twenty-one or older by providing a valid motor  
692 vehicle operator's license or a valid identity card described in section 1-  
693 1h; (3) not ship more than five gallons of wine in any two-month period  
694 to any person in this state and not ship any wine until such permittee is  
695 registered, with respect to the permittee's sales of wine to consumers in  
696 this state, for purposes of the taxes imposed under chapters 219 and 220,  
697 with the Department of Revenue Services; (4) pay, to the Department of  
698 Revenue Services, all sales taxes and alcoholic beverage taxes due under  
699 chapters 219 and 220 on sales of wine to consumers in this state, and file,  
700 with said department, all sales tax returns and alcoholic beverage tax  
701 returns relating to such sales, with the amount of such taxes to be  
702 calculated as if the sale were in this state at the location where delivery  
703 is made; (5) report to the Department of Consumer Protection a separate  
704 and complete record of all sales and shipments to consumers in the state,  
705 on a ledger sheet or similar form which readily presents a chronological  
706 account of such permittee's dealings with each such consumer; (6)  
707 permit the Department of Consumer Protection and Department of  
708 Revenue Services, separately or jointly, to perform an audit of the  
709 permittee's records upon request; (7) not ship to any address in the state  
710 where the sale of alcoholic liquor is prohibited by local option pursuant  
711 to section 30-9; (8) hold an in-state transporter permit under section 30-  
712 19f or make any such shipment through the use of a person who holds  
713 such an in-state transporter permit; (9) execute a written consent to the  
714 jurisdiction of this state, its agencies and instrumentalities and the  
715 courts of this state concerning the enforcement of this section and any  
716 related laws, rules, or regulations, including tax laws, rules or  
717 regulations; and (10) comply with the provisions of section 30-68m  
718 regarding the prohibition of selling wine below cost.

719 [(c)] (d) The Department of Consumer Protection, in consultation  
720 with the Department of Revenue Services, may adopt regulations in  
721 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 to assure compliance with  
722 the provisions of subsection [(b)] (c) of this section.

723        ~~[(d)]~~ (e) A holder of a permit under subsection ~~[(a)]~~ (b) of this section,  
724 when advertising or offering wine for direct shipment to a consumer in  
725 this state via the Internet or any other on-line computer network, shall  
726 clearly and conspicuously state such liquor permit number in its  
727 advertising.

728        ~~[(e)]~~ (f) (1) For purposes of chapter 219, the holder of a permit under  
729 subsection ~~[(a)]~~ (b) of this section, when shipping wine directly to a  
730 consumer in this state, shall be deemed to be a retailer engaged in  
731 business in this state as defined in chapter 219 and shall be required to  
732 be issued a seller's permit pursuant to chapter 219.

733        (2) For purposes of chapter 220, the holder of a permit under  
734 subsection ~~[(a)]~~ (b) of this section, when shipping wine directly to a  
735 consumer in this state, shall be deemed to be a distributor as defined in  
736 chapter 220 and shall be required to be licensed pursuant to chapter 220.

737        ~~[(f)]~~ (g) Any person who applies for an out-of-state winery shipper's  
738 permit for wine or for the renewal of such permit shall furnish an  
739 affidavit to the Department of Consumer Protection, in such form as  
740 may be prescribed by the department, affirming whether the out-of-  
741 state winery that is the subject of such permit produced more than one  
742 hundred thousand gallons of wine during the most recently completed  
743 calendar year.

744        ~~[(g)]~~ (h) The annual fee for an out-of-state winery shipper's permit for  
745 wine shall be three hundred fifteen dollars and the annual fee for an out-  
746 of-state retailer shipper's permit for wine shall be six hundred dollars.

747        [(h) As used in this section, "out-of-state" means any state other than  
748 Connecticut, any territory or possession of the United States, the District  
749 of Columbia or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, but does not include  
750 any foreign country.]

751        Sec. 23. Subsection (b) of section 30-37f of the general statutes is  
752 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
753 *2026*):

754 (b) Sections 30-9 to 30-13a, inclusive, section 30-22aa, subdivision [(2)]  
755 (3) of subsection (b) of section 30-39, as amended by this act, subsection  
756 (c) of section 30-39 and sections 30-44, 30-46, 30-48a and 30-91a shall not  
757 apply to a cafe permit issued pursuant to subsection (d) of section 30-  
758 22a.

759 Sec. 24. Subsection (b) of section 30-39 of the 2026 supplement to the  
760 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
761 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

762 (b) (1) Any person desiring a liquor permit or a renewal of such a  
763 permit shall make an affirmed application therefor to the Department of  
764 Consumer Protection, upon forms to be furnished by the department,  
765 showing the name and address of the applicant and of the applicant's  
766 backer, if any, the location of the club or place of business which is to be  
767 operated under such permit and a financial statement setting forth all  
768 elements and details of any business transactions connected with the  
769 application. [Such] If such application is for a liquor permit that allows  
770 on-premises serving or consumption of alcoholic liquor, such  
771 application shall also include a detailed description of the type of live  
772 entertainment that is to be provided. A club or place of business shall be  
773 exempt from providing such detailed description if the club or place of  
774 business (A) was issued a liquor permit prior to October 1, 1993, and (B)  
775 has not altered the type of entertainment provided. The application shall  
776 also indicate any crimes of which the applicant or the applicant's backer  
777 may have been convicted. The department shall not review an initial  
778 application until the applicant has submitted all documents necessary  
779 to establish that state and local building, fire and zoning requirements  
780 and local ordinances concerning hours and days of sale will be met,  
781 except that local building and zoning requirements and local ordinances  
782 concerning hours and days of sale shall not apply to a cafe permit issued  
783 under subsection (d) or (h) of section 30-22a. If the applicant does not  
784 submit all such documents within the thirty-day period beginning on  
785 the date on which the department receives the initial application, or if  
786 such documents are not fully executed by the appropriate authorities,

787 such initial application shall be deemed withdrawn and invalid. The  
788 State Fire Marshal or the marshal's certified designee shall be  
789 responsible for approving compliance with the State Fire Code at  
790 Bradley International Airport. Any person desiring a permit provided  
791 for in section 30-33b shall file a copy of such person's license with such  
792 application if such license was issued by the Department of Consumer  
793 Protection. The department may, at its discretion, conduct an  
794 investigation to determine (i) whether a permit shall be issued to an  
795 applicant or the applicant's backer, or (ii) the suitability of the proposed  
796 permit premises. Completion of an inspection pursuant to subsection (f)  
797 of section 29-305 shall not be deemed to constitute a precondition to  
798 renewal of a permit that is subject to subsection (f) of section 29-305.

799 (2) The applicant shall pay to the department a nonrefundable  
800 application fee, which fee shall be in addition to the fees prescribed in  
801 this chapter for the permit sought. An application fee shall not be  
802 charged for an application to renew a permit. The application fee shall  
803 be in the amount of ten dollars for the filing of each application for a  
804 permit by a nonprofit golf tournament permit under section 30-37g or a  
805 temporary liquor permit for a noncommercial entity under section 30-  
806 35; and in the amount of one hundred dollars for the filing of an initial  
807 application for all other permits. Any permit issued shall be valid only  
808 for the purposes and activities described in the application.

809 (3) (A) The applicant shall affix, and maintain in a legible condition  
810 upon the outer door of the building wherein such place of business is to  
811 be located and clearly visible from the public highway, the placard  
812 provided by the department, not later than the day following the receipt  
813 of the placard by the applicant. If such outer door of such premises is so  
814 far from the public highway that such placard is not clearly visible as  
815 provided, the department shall direct a suitable method to notify the  
816 public of such application. When an application is filed for any type of  
817 permit for a building that has not been constructed, such applicant shall  
818 erect and maintain in a legible condition a sign not less than six feet by  
819 four feet upon the site where such place of business is to be located,

820 instead of such placard upon the outer door of the building. The sign  
821 shall set forth the type of permit applied for and the name of the  
822 proposed permittee, shall be clearly visible from the public highway and  
823 shall be so erected not later than the day following the receipt of the  
824 placard. Such applicant shall make a return to the department, under  
825 oath, of compliance with the foregoing requirements, in such form as  
826 the department may determine, but the department may require any  
827 additional proof of such compliance. Upon receipt of evidence of such  
828 compliance, the department may hold a hearing as to the suitability of  
829 the proposed location.

830 (B) The provisions of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision regarding  
831 placarding shall not apply to applications for [(A)] (i) airline permits  
832 issued under section 30-28a, [(B)] (ii) temporary liquor permits for  
833 noncommercial entities issued under section 30-35, [(C)] (iii) concession  
834 permits issued under section 30-33, [(D)] (iv) military permits issued  
835 under section 30-34, [(E)] (v) cafe permits issued under subsection (h) of  
836 section 30-22a, [(F)] (vi) warehouse permits issued under section 30-32,  
837 [(G)] (vii) broker's permits issued under section 30-30, [(H)] (viii) out-of-  
838 state shipper's permits for alcoholic liquor issued under section 30-18,  
839 [(I)] (ix) out-of-state shipper's permits for beer issued under section 30-  
840 19, [(J)] (x) coliseum permits issued under section 30-33a, [(K)] (xi)  
841 nonprofit golf tournament permits issued under section 30-37g, [(L)]  
842 (xii) Connecticut craft cafe permits issued under section 30-22d to  
843 permittees who held a manufacturer permit for a brew pub or a  
844 manufacturer permit for beer issued under subsection (b) of section 30-  
845 16 and a brew pub before July 1, 2020, [(M)] (xiii) off-site farm winery  
846 sales and wine, cider and mead tasting permits issued under section 30-  
847 16a, [(N)] (xiv) out-of-state retailer shipper's permits for wine issued  
848 under section 30-18a, as amended by this act, [(O)] (xv) out-of-state  
849 winery shipper's permits for wine issued under section 30-18a, as  
850 amended by this act, [(P)] (xvi) in-state transporter permits for alcoholic  
851 liquor issued under section 30-19f, including, but not limited to, boats  
852 operating under such permits, [(Q)] (xvii) seasonal outdoor open-air  
853 permits issued under section 30-22e, [(R)] (xviii) festival permits issued

854 under section 30-37t, [(S)] (xix) temporary auction permits issued under  
 855 section 30-37u, [(T)] (xx) outdoor open-air permits issued under section  
 856 30-22f, and [(U)] (xxi) renewals of any permit described in  
 857 subparagraphs [(A)] (B)(i) to [(T)] (B)(xx), inclusive, of this subdivision,  
 858 if applicable. [The]

859 (C) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (B) of this  
 860 subdivision, the provisions of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision  
 861 regarding [placard display] placarding shall [also be required of] apply  
 862 to any applicant who seeks to amend the type of live entertainment to  
 863 be provided, either upon filing of a renewal application or upon  
 864 requesting permission of the department in a form that requires the  
 865 approval of the municipal zoning official.

866 (4) In any case in which a permit has been issued to a partnership, if  
 867 one or more of the partners dies or retires, the remaining partner or  
 868 partners need not file a new application for the unexpired portion of the  
 869 current permit, and no additional fee for such unexpired portion shall  
 870 be required. Notice of any such change shall be given to the department  
 871 and the permit shall be endorsed to show correct ownership. When any  
 872 partnership changes by reason of the addition of one or more persons, a  
 873 new application with new fees shall be required.

874 Sec. 25. Section 30-86a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
 875 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

876 (a) For the purposes of section 30-86, any permittee shall require any  
 877 person whose age is in question to fill out and sign a statement in the  
 878 following form on one occasion when each such person makes a  
 879 purchase:

880 ..., 20..

881 I, ..., hereby represent to ..., a permittee of the Connecticut  
 882 Department of Consumer Protection, that I am over the age of 21 years,  
 883 having been born on ..., 19.. or 20., at ..... (city), ..... (state). This  
 884 statement is made to induce said permittee to sell or otherwise furnish

885 alcoholic beverages to the undersigned. I understand that title 30 of the  
886 general statutes prohibits the sale of alcoholic liquor to any person who  
887 is not twenty-one years of age.

888 I understand that I am subject to a fine of one hundred dollars for the  
889 first offense and not more than two hundred fifty dollars for each  
890 subsequent offense for wilfully misrepresenting my age for the  
891 purposes set forth in this statement.

892 .... (Name)

893 .... (Address)

894 Such statement once taken shall be applicable both to the particular  
895 sale in connection with which such statement was taken, as well as to all  
896 future sales at the same premises, and shall have full force and effect  
897 under subsection (b) of this section as to every subsequent sale or  
898 purchase. Such statement shall be printed upon appropriate forms to be  
899 furnished by the permittee and approved by the Department of  
900 Consumer Protection or electronically displayed by the permittee on an  
901 electronic device that is capable of allowing the person whose age is in  
902 question to electronically fill out and sign such statement. If such  
903 statement is filled out and signed in paper form, such statement shall be  
904 kept on file on the permit premises, alphabetically indexed, in a suitable  
905 file box, and shall be open to inspection by the department or any of the  
906 department's agents or inspectors at any reasonable time. If such  
907 statement is filled out and signed in electronic form, such statement  
908 shall be stored in an electronic medium that is immediately accessible  
909 from the permit premises, alphabetically indexed, and shall be in an  
910 electronic format that is accessible to the department or any of the  
911 department's agents or inspectors at any reasonable time. Any person  
912 who makes any false statement on a form signed by such person as  
913 required by this section shall be fined not more than one hundred  
914 dollars for the first offense and not more than two hundred fifty dollars  
915 for each subsequent offense.

916 (b) In any case where such a statement has been procured and the  
917 permittee is subsequently charged with serving or furnishing alcoholic  
918 beverages to a minor, if such permittee, in proceedings before any court  
919 of this state or the Department of Consumer Protection, introduces such  
920 statement in evidence and shows both that the evidence presented to  
921 [him] such permittee to establish the age of the purchaser was such as  
922 would convince a reasonable [man] person and that such permittee or  
923 the backer otherwise acted reasonably in serving or furnishing alcoholic  
924 beverages to the minor, no penalty shall be imposed on such permittee.

925 Sec. 26. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) As used in this section:

926 (1) "Baby food product" (A) means any food that is (i) manufactured,  
927 packaged, labeled and sold in a container, and (ii) intended for  
928 consumption by individuals younger than two years of age, and (B)  
929 does not include water or infant formula, as defined in section 21a-92 of  
930 the general statutes;

931 (2) "Consumer" means an individual residing in this state who is a  
932 purchaser, or a prospective purchaser, of a baby food product;

933 (3) "Food" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-92 of the  
934 general statutes;

935 (4) "Person" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-92 of  
936 the general statutes;

937 (5) "Production aggregate" means a quantity of a baby food product  
938 that is (A) intended to be uniform in composition, character and quality,  
939 and (B) produced according to a master manufacturing order;

940 (6) "Proficient laboratory" means a laboratory that (A) is accredited  
941 under International Organization for Standardization or International  
942 Electrotechnical Commission (ISO/IEC) Standard 17025:2017, as  
943 amended from time to time, (B) uses an analytical method that is as  
944 sensitive as the analytical method described in the latest edition of the  
945 federal Food and Drug Administration's "Elemental Analysis Manual

946 for Food and Related Products", and (C) demonstrates proficiency in  
947 quantifying each toxic heavy metal concentration to at least six  
948 micrograms of the toxic heavy metal to kilogram of food through an  
949 independent proficiency test by achieving a z-score that is less than or  
950 equal to plus or minus two;

951 (7) "Quick response code" means a two-dimensional matrix barcode  
952 that consists of blocks arranged in a grid and may be read by an imaging  
953 device;

954 (8) "Representative sample" means a sample that (A) consists of  
955 several units drawn from a material based on rational criteria, including,  
956 but not limited to, random sampling, and (B) is intended to accurately  
957 represent the material from which the sample is drawn; and

958 (9) "Toxic heavy metal" includes arsenic, cadmium, lead and mercury.

959 (b) On and after January 1, 2028, no person shall manufacture, sell,  
960 distribute or offer for sale in this state any baby food product that  
961 contains a toxic heavy metal in an amount that exceeds the applicable  
962 limit established by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

963 (c) On and after January 1, 2028, the manufacturer of a baby food  
964 product manufactured in this state, or intended for sale or distribution  
965 in this state, shall, not less frequently than monthly, ensure that a  
966 proficient laboratory tests a representative sample of each production  
967 aggregate of the final baby food product for the presence of toxic heavy  
968 metals. Each test may be performed before the final baby food product  
969 is packaged for distribution or sale. The manufacturer shall maintain a  
970 record of the results of each such test for not less than thirty-six months  
971 beginning on the date on which such test was performed.

972 (d) On and after January 1, 2028, the manufacturer of a baby food  
973 product manufactured in this state, or intended for sale or distribution  
974 in this state, shall make publicly available on the manufacturer's Internet  
975 web site, until thirty days after expiration of the shelf life of the final  
976 baby food product:

977 (1) The name and amount of each toxic heavy metal present in the  
978 final baby food product, as determined by way of the testing required  
979 under subsection (c) of this section;

980 (2) Information, including, but not limited to, the name of the final  
981 baby food product or the universal product code, lot number or batch  
982 number assigned to the final baby food product, that is sufficient to  
983 enable a reasonable consumer to identify the final baby food product;  
984 and

985 (3) A link to a publicly accessible web page on the federal Food and  
986 Drug Administration's Internet web site where a consumer may review  
987 current information, and said administration's current guidance,  
988 regarding the effects of toxic heavy metals on children's health.

989 (e) On and after January 1, 2028, if a baby food product is tested for a  
990 toxic heavy metal subject to an action level, regulatory limit or tolerance  
991 established by the federal Food and Drug Administration under 21 CFR  
992 109, as amended from time to time, or another standard of identity for  
993 food established in regulations promulgated under Title 21 of the  
994 United States Code, the manufacturer of the baby food product shall  
995 display on the baby food product container:

996 (1) The following statement in a clear, legible and conspicuous  
997 manner:

998 "For Information About Toxic Element Testing On This Product, Scan  
999 the QR Code."; and

1000 (2) A quick response code, or another machine-readable code, that  
1001 directs consumers to a publicly accessible web page on the  
1002 manufacturer's Internet web site, or to the baby food product  
1003 information page, disclosing:

1004 (A) The results of the testing described in this subsection; and

1005 (B) The address of a publicly accessible web page on the federal Food

1006 and Drug Administration's Internet web site where a consumer may  
1007 review current information, and said administration's current guidance,  
1008 regarding the effects of toxic heavy metals on children's health.

1009 Sec. 27. Subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of section 42-221 of the 2026  
1010 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is  
1011 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

1012 (a) A dealer selling a used motor vehicle [which has a cash purchase  
1013 price of three thousand dollars or more] that is less than ten years of age  
1014 shall not exclude, modify, disclaim or limit implied warranties on the  
1015 motor vehicle.

1016 (b) Each contract entered into by a dealer for the sale to a consumer  
1017 of a used motor vehicle [which has a cash purchase price of three  
1018 thousand dollars or more but less than five thousand dollars,] that is less  
1019 than ten years of age shall include an express warranty, covering the full  
1020 cost of both parts and labor, that the vehicle is mechanically operational  
1021 and sound and will remain so for at least [thirty] sixty days or [one  
1022 thousand five hundred] three thousand miles of operation, whichever  
1023 period ends first, in the absence of damage resulting from an automobile  
1024 accident or from misuse of the vehicle by the consumer. [Each contract  
1025 entered into by a dealer for the sale of a used motor vehicle which has a  
1026 cash purchase price of five thousand dollars or more shall include an  
1027 express warranty, covering the full cost of both parts and labor, that the  
1028 vehicle is mechanically operational and sound and will remain so for at  
1029 least sixty days or three thousand miles of operation, whichever period  
1030 ends first, in the absence of damage resulting from an automobile  
1031 accident or from misuse of the vehicle by the consumer.] A dealer may  
1032 not limit a warranty covered by this section by the use of such phrases  
1033 as "fifty-fifty", "labor only", "drive train only", or other words attempting  
1034 to disclaim [his] the dealer's responsibility.

1035 (c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to: (1) The [sale of a  
1036 used motor vehicle having a cash purchase price of less than three  
1037 thousand dollars; (2) the] sale of [such] used motor vehicles between

1038 dealers; or [(3)] (2) the sale of a used motor vehicle [which] that is [seven]  
1039 ten years of age or older, which age shall be calculated from the first day  
1040 in January of the designated model year of such vehicle.

1041 Sec. 28. Subsection (a) of section 42-224 of the general statutes is  
1042 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
1043 *1, 2026*):

1044 (a) A used motor vehicle may be sold "as is" by a dealer only [if its  
1045 cash purchase price is less than three thousand dollars or] if such used  
1046 motor vehicle is [seven] ten years of age or older, which age shall be  
1047 calculated from the first day in January of the designated model year of  
1048 such vehicle.

1049 Sec. 29. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section:

1050 (1) "Dietary supplement for weight loss or muscle building" means a  
1051 class of dietary supplement that is labeled, marketed or otherwise  
1052 represented for the purpose of achieving weight loss or muscle building,  
1053 but shall not include (A) protein powders, (B) protein drinks, and (C)  
1054 foods marketed as containing protein unless the protein powder,  
1055 protein drink or food marketed as containing protein contains an  
1056 ingredient other than protein which would, considered alone, constitute  
1057 a dietary supplement for weight loss or muscle building; and

1058 (2) "Over-the-counter diet pill" means a class of drugs labeled,  
1059 marketed or otherwise represented for the purpose of achieving weight  
1060 loss that are lawfully sold, transferred or furnished over the counter  
1061 with or without a prescription pursuant to the federal Food, Drug and  
1062 Cosmetic Act, 21 USC 301 et seq., as amended from time to time, or  
1063 regulations adopted thereunder.

1064 (b) There is established a task force to study the sale in the state of  
1065 dietary supplements for weight loss or muscle building and over-the-  
1066 counter diet pills. The task force shall consist of the following members:

1067 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,

1068 one of whom has expertise in the safety of dietary supplements for  
1069 weight loss or muscle building and one of whom has expertise in the  
1070 safety of over-the-counter diet pills;

1071 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

1072 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
1073 Representatives;

1074 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

1075 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
1076 Representatives;

1077 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

1078 (7) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, or the commissioner's  
1079 designee;

1080 (8) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's  
1081 designee; and

1082 (9) The executive director of the Commission on Women, Children,  
1083 Seniors, Equity and Opportunity, who shall serve as chairperson of the  
1084 task force.

1085 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
1086 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member  
1087 of the General Assembly.

1088 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later  
1089 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall  
1090 be filled by the appointing authority.

1091 (e) The chairperson of the task force shall schedule the first meeting  
1092 of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty days after the  
1093 effective date of this section.

1094 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
1095 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to consumer  
1096 protection shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

1097 (g) Not later than January 1, 2027, the task force shall submit a report  
1098 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of  
1099 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
1100 consumer protection, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a  
1101 of the general statutes. The report shall include, but need not be limited  
1102 to, research related to the safety of dietary supplements for weight loss  
1103 or muscle building and over-the-counter diet pills by age of users,  
1104 whether the sale to minors of such supplements or pills should be  
1105 restricted and best practices in other states for regulation of such  
1106 supplements or pills.

1107 Sec. 30. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2027*) (a) As used in this section,  
1108 unless the context otherwise requires:

1109 (1) "Artistic performance" (A) includes, but is not limited to, a concert,  
1110 operatic or theatrical performance, and (B) does not include a movie;

1111 (2) "Entertainment event" (A) includes, but is not limited to, (i) an  
1112 artistic performance, athletic competition or sporting event, or (ii)  
1113 admission to a place of amusement, and (B) does not include a movie;

1114 (3) "Entertainment venue" (A) includes, but is not limited to, an arena,  
1115 exhibition hall, performance hall, place of amusement in this state,  
1116 stadium or theater, and (B) does not include a movie theater;

1117 (4) "Entertainment venue operator" (A) means a person who owns,  
1118 operates or controls an entertainment venue, and (B) includes, but is not  
1119 limited to, any authorized agent or employee of such person while  
1120 acting in the course of such agent's or employee's authority or  
1121 employment;

1122 (5) "Initial sale" means, with respect to a ticket, the transaction in  
1123 which a ticket seller first sells the ticket to a purchaser or ticket reseller;

1124 (6) "Person" means an individual, association, corporation, limited  
1125 liability company, partnership, trust or other legal entity;

1126 (7) "Purchaser" means an individual who purchases a ticket;

1127 (8) "Resale" means, with respect to a ticket, any transaction  
1128 subsequent to the initial sale of the ticket in which a ticket reseller resells  
1129 the ticket to a purchaser;

1130 (9) "Ticket" means evidence of a purchaser's right to enter an  
1131 entertainment event or entertainment venue;

1132 (10) "Ticket reseller" (A) means, with respect to a ticket, the person  
1133 who makes the ticket available for resale, (B) includes, but is not limited  
1134 to, any authorized agent or employee of such person who, acting in the  
1135 course of such agent's or employee's authority or employment, makes  
1136 the ticket available for resale, and (C) does not include the entertainment  
1137 venue operator or ticket seller; and

1138 (11) "Ticket seller" (A) means, with respect to a ticket, the person,  
1139 including, but not limited to, the entertainment venue operator, who  
1140 makes the ticket available for initial sale, and (B) includes, but is not  
1141 limited to, any authorized agent or employee of such person who, acting  
1142 in the course of such agent's or employee's authority or employment,  
1143 makes the ticket available for initial sale.

1144 (b) (1) No ticket reseller doing business in the state shall offer or  
1145 engage in any resale of a ticket in the state, unless the ticket reseller:

1146 (A) Is in actual or constructive possession of the ticket; or

1147 (B) Has entered into a written contract with the entertainment venue  
1148 operator that explicitly authorizes the ticket reseller to obtain the ticket  
1149 from the entertainment venue operator.

1150 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this  
1151 subsection:

1152 (A) A person who is the initial purchaser of tickets to a season or  
1153 series of professional or intercollegiate athletic competitions or sporting  
1154 events may resell a ticket to an individual athletic competition or  
1155 sporting event comprising part of such season or series, provided such  
1156 person (i) is not regularly engaged in the business of selling or reselling  
1157 tickets to entertainment events, (ii) is in actual or constructive  
1158 possession of such ticket, and (iii) discloses to the purchaser, before the  
1159 purchaser purchases such ticket from such person, (I) the identity and  
1160 scheduled date of such individual athletic competition or sporting  
1161 event, and (II) the seating or standing location in the entertainment  
1162 venue the holder of such ticket is entitled to occupy during such  
1163 individual athletic competition or sporting event; and

1164 (B) A person, including, but not limited to, an entertainment venue  
1165 operator, may offer and sell to a purchaser, on a subscription basis, (i)  
1166 tickets to a season or series of artistic performances that are not  
1167 individually priced at the time of initial sale, or (ii) the right to purchase  
1168 tickets to a specified number of artistic performances during a specified  
1169 season or series of artistic performances, provided no such ticket shall  
1170 be resold until such ticket has been issued to the initial purchaser or  
1171 assigned for a specific artistic performance, date and seating or standing  
1172 location.

1173 (c) A violation of any provision of subsection (b) of this section shall  
1174 constitute an unfair or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade  
1175 or commerce pursuant to subsection (a) of section 42-110b of the general  
1176 statutes.

1177 Sec. 31. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2027*) (a) As used in this section,  
1178 "entertainment event", "entertainment venue", "entertainment venue  
1179 operator", "initial sale", "resale" and "ticket" have the same meanings as  
1180 provided in section 30 of this act.

1181 (b) No person doing business in the state shall advertise or facilitate  
1182 the initial sale or resale of any ticket by way of an Internet web site if the  
1183 Internet domain of such Internet web site, or any Internet subdomain of

1184 such Internet web site, includes:

1185 (1) The name of the entertainment venue for the entertainment event,  
1186 or any name that is substantially similar to the name of such  
1187 entertainment venue, unless such person (A) is the entertainment venue  
1188 operator, or (B) has obtained express written consent from the  
1189 entertainment venue operator to include such name in such Internet  
1190 domain or Internet subdomain;

1191 (2) The name of the entertainment event, or any name that is  
1192 substantially similar to the name of such entertainment event, unless  
1193 such person (A) is the person responsible for organizing financing or  
1194 publicity for such entertainment event or is an authorized agent or  
1195 employee of such person acting in the course of such agent's or  
1196 employee's authority or employment, or (B) has obtained express  
1197 written consent from such person, agent or employee to include such  
1198 name in such Internet domain or Internet subdomain; or

1199 (3) The name of an individual or group scheduled to perform or  
1200 appear at the entertainment event, or any name that is substantially  
1201 similar to the name of such individual or group, unless such person (A)  
1202 is such individual or group or is an authorized agent or employee of  
1203 such individual or group acting in the course of such agent's or  
1204 employee's authority or employment, or (B) has obtained express  
1205 written consent from such individual, group, agent or employee to  
1206 include such name in such Internet domain or Internet subdomain.

1207 (c) A violation of any provision of subsection (b) of this section shall  
1208 constitute an unfair or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade  
1209 or commerce pursuant to subsection (a) of section 42-110b of the general  
1210 statutes.

1211 Sec. 32. Section 53-289a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1212 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2027*):

1213 (a) As used in this section: [ "service charge" ]

1214 (1) "Dynamic pricing model" means an algorithmic model that  
1215 adjusts prices in real time;

1216 (2) "Entertainment event" has the same meaning as provided in  
1217 section 30 of this act;

1218 (3) "Entertainment venue" has the same meaning as provided in  
1219 section 30 of this act;

1220 (4) "Person" has the same meaning as provided in section 30 of this  
1221 act; and

1222 (5) "Service charge" means any additional fee or charge that is  
1223 designated as an "administrative fee", "service fee" or "surcharge" or by  
1224 using another substantially similar term.

1225 (b) No person shall advertise the prices of tickets to any  
1226 entertainment event for which a service charge is imposed, including,  
1227 but not limited to, any [place of amusement, arena, stadium, theater,  
1228 performance, sport, exhibition or athletic contest given] entertainment  
1229 venue in this state [for] at which a service charge is imposed for the sale  
1230 of a ticket at [the site of the event] such entertainment venue, without  
1231 conspicuously disclosing in such advertisement, whether displayed at  
1232 [the site of the event] such entertainment venue or elsewhere, the total  
1233 price [for] of each ticket and [what] which portion of each ticket price,  
1234 stated in a dollar amount, represents a service charge.

1235 (c) If a price is charged for admission to [a place of] an entertainment  
1236 venue, the operator of the [place of] entertainment venue shall print,  
1237 endorse or otherwise disclose on the face of each ticket to an  
1238 entertainment event at such [place of] entertainment venue (1) the price  
1239 established for such ticket, or (2) if such operator, or such operator's  
1240 agent, sells or resells such ticket, including at auction, the final price of  
1241 such ticket.

1242 (d) (1) Any person [that] who advertises or facilitates the sale or resale  
1243 of a ticket to an entertainment event shall (A) disclose the total price of

1244 such ticket, [which total price shall include] including all service charges  
1245 required to purchase such ticket, and (B) disclose, in a clear and  
1246 conspicuous manner, to the purchaser of such ticket the portion of the  
1247 total [ticket] price of such ticket, expressed as a dollar amount, that is  
1248 attributable to service charges charged to such purchaser for such ticket.

1249 (2) Any person who advertises or facilitates the resale of a ticket to an  
1250 entertainment event via an Internet web site or online technology  
1251 platform, the primary purpose of which is to facilitate resales of such  
1252 tickets, shall disclose, in a clear and conspicuous manner, that the ticket  
1253 is a resale ticket that may be offered at a price that differs from the price  
1254 of a ticket to an entertainment event that is offered or sold by the  
1255 presenter of the entertainment event.

1256 ~~[(2)]~~ ~~(3)~~ ~~(A)~~ The disclosures required under [subdivision (1)]  
1257 subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection shall be displayed [in the  
1258 ticket listing before the ticket is selected for purchase. The total ticket  
1259 price] when the ticket is initially offered for sale or resale to a purchaser,  
1260 and the displayed price shall not increase during the transaction period  
1261 beginning when [a] the ticket is [selected for purchase] initially offered  
1262 for sale or resale to a purchaser and ending when [a] the ticket is  
1263 purchased, except a reasonable service charge may be charged for  
1264 delivery of a nonelectronic ticket if [(A)] ~~(i)~~ such service charge is based  
1265 on the delivery method selected by the ticket purchaser, and [(B)] ~~(ii)~~  
1266 such service charge is disclosed to such purchaser before such purchaser  
1267 purchases such ticket.

1268 (B) Nothing in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision shall be  
1269 construed to prohibit (i) any change in the price of a ticket after a  
1270 purchaser's transaction period has timed out if the purchaser has not yet  
1271 purchased the ticket, or (ii) the use of a dynamic pricing model,  
1272 provided the ticket price does not increase during the transaction period  
1273 beginning when the ticket is initially offered to the purchaser and  
1274 ending when the purchaser completes the ticket purchasing process or  
1275 the purchaser's transaction period has timed out, whichever occurs first.

1276 [(3)] (4) No disclosure required under this subsection shall be (A)  
1277 false or misleading, (B) presented more prominently than the total  
1278 [ticket] price of such ticket, or (C) displayed in a font size that is as large  
1279 or larger than the font size in which the total [ticket] price of such ticket  
1280 is displayed.

1281 [(e) A movie shall not be deemed to constitute an entertainment event  
1282 for the purposes of this section.]

1283 (e) (1) Each person who sells or resells a ticket to a live entertainment  
1284 event shall (A) if the live entertainment event is cancelled, provide a  
1285 refund to the purchaser (i) in an amount equal to the total price of such  
1286 ticket, including all service charges the purchaser paid for such ticket,  
1287 minus any reasonable service charge the purchaser paid for delivery of  
1288 a nonelectronic ticket, and (ii) not later than thirty days following  
1289 cancellation of such live entertainment event, and (B) disclose, in a clear  
1290 and conspicuous manner, to each purchaser of a ticket to the live  
1291 entertainment event that such purchaser is entitled to a refund in the  
1292 amount and within the thirty-day period set forth in subparagraph (A)  
1293 of this subdivision if such live entertainment event is cancelled.

1294 (2) The disclosure required under subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1)  
1295 of this subsection shall be displayed to each purchaser of a ticket to a  
1296 live entertainment event before such purchaser purchases such ticket.  
1297 Such disclosure shall be displayed in a form and manner prescribed by  
1298 the Commissioner of Consumer Protection.

1299 (f) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may adopt  
1300 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to  
1301 implement the provisions of this section.

1302 (g) A violation of any provision of subsections (b) to (e), inclusive, of  
1303 this section shall constitute an unfair or deceptive act or practice in the  
1304 conduct of trade or commerce pursuant to subsection (a) of section 42-  
1305 110b.

1306 Sec. 33. Section 21a-415 of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes

1307 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
1308 *January 1, 2027*):

1309 (a) As used in this chapter:

1310 (1) "Authorized owner" means the owner or authorized designee of a  
1311 business entity that is applying for a registration or is registered with  
1312 the Department of Consumer Protection pursuant to this chapter;

1313 (2) "Business entity" means any corporation, limited liability  
1314 company, association, partnership, sole proprietorship, government,  
1315 governmental subdivision or agency, business trust, estate, trust or any  
1316 other legal entity;

1317 (3) "Cannabis" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-240,  
1318 as amended by this act;

1319 [(3)] (4) "Cigarette" has the same meaning as provided in subsection  
1320 (b) of section 12-285;

1321 [(4)] (5) "Dealer registration" means an electronic nicotine delivery  
1322 system certificate of dealer registration issued by the Commissioner of  
1323 Consumer Protection pursuant to this section;

1324 [(5)] (6) "Deliver" or "delivering" means transferring, or offering or  
1325 attempting to transfer, physical possession or control of an electronic  
1326 nicotine delivery system or vapor product by any person, whether done  
1327 as principal, proprietor, agent, servant or employee;

1328 [(6)] (7) "Drug paraphernalia" has the same meaning as provided in  
1329 section 21a-240, as amended by this act;

1330 [(7)] (8) "Electronic cigarette liquid" means a liquid that, when used  
1331 in an electronic nicotine delivery system or vapor product, produces a  
1332 vapor that may or may not include nicotine and is inhaled by the user  
1333 of such electronic nicotine delivery system or vapor product;

1334 [(8)] (9) "Electronic nicotine delivery system" means an electronic

1335 device used in the delivery of nicotine or other substances to an  
1336 individual inhaling from the device, and includes, but is not limited to,  
1337 an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic  
1338 pipe or electronic hookah and any related device and any cartridge or  
1339 other component of such device, including, but not limited to, electronic  
1340 cigarette liquid;

1341 [(9)] (10) "Manufacturer registration" means an electronic nicotine  
1342 delivery system certificate of manufacturer registration issued by the  
1343 Commissioner of Consumer Protection pursuant to section 21a-415a to  
1344 any person who mixes, compounds, repackages or resizes any nicotine-  
1345 containing electronic nicotine delivery system or vapor product;

1346 [(10)] (11) "Sale" or "sell" means transferring, or offering or attempting  
1347 to transfer, for consideration, including bartering or exchanging, or  
1348 offering to barter or exchange by any person, whether done as principal,  
1349 proprietor, agent, servant or employee;

1350 [(11)] (12) "Tobacco products" has the same meaning as provided in  
1351 section 12-330a; and

1352 [(12)] (13) "Vapor product" means any product that employs a heating  
1353 element, power source, electronic circuit or other electronic, chemical or  
1354 mechanical means, regardless of shape or size, to produce a vapor that  
1355 may include nicotine and is inhaled by the user of such product. "Vapor  
1356 product" does not include a medicinal or therapeutic product that is (A)  
1357 used by a licensed health care provider to treat a patient in a health care  
1358 setting, (B) used by a patient, as prescribed or directed by a licensed  
1359 health care provider in any setting, or (C) any drug or device, as defined  
1360 in the federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, 21 USC 321, as amended  
1361 from time to time, any combination product, as described in said act, 21  
1362 USC 353(g), as amended from time to time, or any biological product, as  
1363 described in 42 USC 262, as amended from time to time, and 21 CFR  
1364 600.3, as amended from time to time, authorized for sale by the United  
1365 States Food and Drug Administration.

1366 (b) (1) No person in this state may sell or possess with intent to sell  
1367 an electronic nicotine delivery system or a vapor product unless such  
1368 person is employed by, an agent of or directly affiliated with a business  
1369 entity that maintains a dealer registration issued by the Commissioner  
1370 of Consumer Protection pursuant to this section. A separate dealer  
1371 registration shall be required for each place of business where such  
1372 system or product is sold, offered for sale or possessed with the intent  
1373 to sell. A dealer registration shall allow the sale of electronic nicotine  
1374 delivery systems or vapor products at such place of business. A holder  
1375 of a dealer registration shall post such registration in a prominent  
1376 location adjacent to electronic nicotine delivery system products or  
1377 vapor products offered for sale.

1378 (2) The holder of a dealer registration shall maintain a sign, in a form  
1379 and manner prescribed by the commissioner and posted on the  
1380 Department of Consumer Protection's Internet web site, on all external  
1381 entry doors of the location operated under such dealer registration,  
1382 which shall clearly disclose that cannabis may not be sold at such  
1383 location.

1384 (3) Each holder of a dealer registration that derives at least fifty per  
1385 cent of its annual gross revenue from sales of cigarettes, drug  
1386 paraphernalia, electronic nicotine delivery systems, nicotine products,  
1387 synthetic nicotine, tobacco products and vapor products shall verify,  
1388 with a valid government-issued driver's license or identity card, the age  
1389 of each individual entering the location operated under such dealer  
1390 registration, and shall prohibit any individual younger than twenty-one  
1391 years of age from entering such location.

1392 (4) (A) Each holder of a dealer registration shall maintain a complete  
1393 set of records required pursuant to this section, [and] including, but not  
1394 limited to, (i) all financial records necessary to verify whether such  
1395 holder derives at least fifty per cent of its annual gross revenue from  
1396 sales of cigarettes, drug paraphernalia, electronic nicotine delivery  
1397 systems, nicotine products, synthetic nicotine, tobacco products and  
1398 vapor products, for the then current tax year and the three immediately

1399 preceding tax years, and (ii) for a dealer registration initially issued on  
1400 or after January 1, 2027, all records necessary to verify that not more  
1401 than twenty-five per cent of the total floor area dedicated to sales at the  
1402 location that is operated under such dealer registration is dedicated to  
1403 sales of cigarettes, drug paraphernalia, electronic nicotine delivery  
1404 systems, nicotine products, synthetic nicotine, tobacco products and  
1405 vapor products, including, but not limited to, floor plans depicting the  
1406 total floor area dedicated to sales and the portions of such total floor  
1407 area dedicated to sales of cigarettes, drug paraphernalia, electronic  
1408 nicotine delivery systems, nicotine products, synthetic nicotine, tobacco  
1409 products and vapor products. [Such]

1410 (B) Each holder of a dealer registration shall make [such] the records  
1411 maintained pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this subdivision  
1412 immediately available to the department, upon a request made by the  
1413 department, for inspection and copying by the department. Such holder  
1414 shall produce such records to the department not later than three days  
1415 after the department requests such records. Such holder shall produce  
1416 such records to the department in an electronic format, unless it is  
1417 commercially impractical to produce such records to the department in  
1418 an electronic format. No person shall use any foreign language, code or  
1419 symbol in maintaining the records required under this section.

1420 (c) (1) Any applicant for a dealer registration or a renewal of a dealer  
1421 registration shall apply to the Department of Consumer Protection, in a  
1422 form and manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Consumer  
1423 Protection, which application shall include, at a minimum:

1424 (A) The name, address and electronic mail address of the applicant;

1425 (B) The location that is to be operated, or is operated, under such  
1426 dealer registration;

1427 (C) The name of, and contact information for, each individual who  
1428 has a direct or indirect financial interest in such applicant, unless (i) such  
1429 applicant is a publicly traded company listed on a national stock

1430 exchange, or (ii) the financial interest held by such individual owner and  
1431 such individual's spouse, parents and children, in the aggregate, does  
1432 not exceed [ten] five per cent of the total ownership or interest rights in  
1433 such applicant;

1434 (D) A third-party local and national criminal background check for  
1435 each owner listed on such application, which background check shall (i)  
1436 be conducted by a third-party consumer reporting agency or  
1437 background screening company that is in compliance with the federal  
1438 Fair Credit Reporting Act and accredited by the Professional  
1439 Background Screening Association, (ii) include a multistate and  
1440 multijurisdiction criminal record locator or other similar commercial  
1441 nation-wide database with validation and such other background  
1442 screening as the commissioner may require, and (iii) be requested by  
1443 such applicant not more than sixty days prior to submission of such  
1444 application;

1445 (E) The name of the individual who shall serve as the fiduciary agent  
1446 and guarantor for such applicant, which individual shall be personally  
1447 liable in the event of any noncompliance that results in a debt owed to  
1448 the department;

1449 (F) A disclosure of any enforcement action against, and any  
1450 negotiated settlement entered into by, such applicant or any owner  
1451 disclosed pursuant to this subsection, which action or settlement is  
1452 related to the sale of cigarettes, electronic nicotine delivery systems,  
1453 tobacco products or vapor products;

1454 (G) The name of a manager or supervisor who is or will be physically  
1455 present at such applicant's location or proposed location; [and]

1456 (H) A certification that (i) an authorized owner or named designee of  
1457 such applicant has successfully completed the online prevention  
1458 education program administered by the Department of Mental Health  
1459 and Addiction Services pursuant to section 17a-719, and (ii) all  
1460 electronic nicotine delivery systems and vapor products offered for sale

1461 by the applicant on or after January 1, 2027, comply with federal and  
1462 state law, including the federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, 21 USC  
1463 387 et seq., as amended from time to time;

1464 (I) In the case of an application for an initial dealer registration  
1465 submitted on or after January 1, 2027, a certification that (i) such  
1466 applicant's annual gross revenue from sales of cigarettes, drug  
1467 paraphernalia, electronic nicotine delivery systems, nicotine products,  
1468 synthetic nicotine, tobacco products and vapor products will not exceed  
1469 fifty per cent of such applicant's annual gross revenue from all sales at  
1470 the location that is to be operated under such dealer registration, and (ii)  
1471 not more than twenty-five per cent of the total floor area dedicated to  
1472 sales at the location that is to be operated under such dealer registration  
1473 will be dedicated to sales of cigarettes, drug paraphernalia, electronic  
1474 nicotine delivery systems, nicotine products, synthetic nicotine, tobacco  
1475 products and vapor products; and

1476 (J) In the case of an application for renewal of a dealer registration  
1477 initially issued on or after January 1, 2027, such information as the  
1478 department requires to determine that, during the registration period  
1479 immediately preceding such renewal, (i) such applicant's annual gross  
1480 revenue from sales of cigarettes, drug paraphernalia, electronic nicotine  
1481 delivery systems, nicotine products, synthetic nicotine, tobacco  
1482 products and vapor products did not exceed fifty per cent of such  
1483 applicant's annual gross revenue from all sales at the location operated  
1484 under such dealer registration, and (ii) not more than twenty-five per  
1485 cent of the total floor area dedicated to sales at the location operated  
1486 under such dealer registration was dedicated to sales of cigarettes, drug  
1487 paraphernalia, electronic nicotine delivery systems, nicotine products,  
1488 synthetic nicotine, tobacco products and vapor products.

1489 (2) The Department of Consumer Protection: (A) May require that an  
1490 applicant submit documents sufficient to establish that state and local  
1491 building, fire and zoning requirements will be met at the location of any  
1492 sale; (B) may, in the department's discretion, conduct an investigation to  
1493 determine whether a dealer registration shall be issued to an applicant;

1494 and (C) shall not issue a dealer registration or a renewal of a dealer  
1495 registration to an applicant unless the applicant certifies that an  
1496 authorized owner or named designee of the applicant has successfully  
1497 completed the online prevention education program administered by  
1498 the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services pursuant to  
1499 section 17a-719.

1500 (3) The commissioner shall issue a dealer registration or a renewal of  
1501 a dealer registration to any such applicant not later than thirty days after  
1502 the date of application, unless the commissioner finds: (A) The  
1503 applicant, or any individual named in such application pursuant to  
1504 subparagraph (C) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, has made a  
1505 materially false or misleading statement in such application or in any  
1506 other application made to the commissioner; (B) the applicant has  
1507 neglected to pay any taxes due to this state; (C) the authorized owner or  
1508 named designee of the applicant has not successfully completed the  
1509 online prevention education program administered by the Department  
1510 of Mental Health and Addiction Services pursuant to section 17a-719;  
1511 (D) the third-party local and national criminal background check for any  
1512 authorized owner or named designee of the applicant [has a criminal  
1513 history that is] affords a sufficient basis for denial under section 46a-80;  
1514 [or] (E) the applicant, any authorized owner of the applicant or any  
1515 entity owned or managed by any individual named in the applicant's  
1516 application pursuant to subparagraph (C) of subdivision (1) of this  
1517 subsection (i) has [violated] committed multiple violations of any other  
1518 provision of this section, (ii) is the subject of a delinquency assessment  
1519 by the Department of Revenue Services, or (iii) is the subject of any other  
1520 adverse determination by a government agency; or (F) in the case of an  
1521 application for an initial dealer registration submitted on or after  
1522 January 1, 2027, that the commissioner has already issued one dealer  
1523 registration for every two thousand five hundred residents of the town  
1524 in which the location that is to be operated under such dealer  
1525 registration will be located, as determined by the most recently  
1526 completed decennial census.

1527 (4) A dealer registration issued under this section shall be renewed  
1528 annually, [and] except the department shall not renew a dealer  
1529 registration initially issued on or after January 1, 2027, if the department  
1530 determines that the applicant for renewal of such dealer registration  
1531 does not satisfy the criteria established in subparagraph (J) of  
1532 subdivision (1) of this subsection. A dealer registration issued under this  
1533 section may be suspended or revoked at the discretion of the  
1534 Department of Consumer Protection. A dealer registration shall not  
1535 constitute property, nor shall it be subject to attachment and execution,  
1536 nor shall it be alienable. Each holder of a dealer registration shall  
1537 annually attest in each renewal application as to whether such holder  
1538 derived at least fifty per cent of its annual gross revenue from sales of  
1539 cigarettes, drug paraphernalia, electronic nicotine delivery systems,  
1540 nicotine products, synthetic nicotine, tobacco products and vapor  
1541 products.

1542 (5) The applicant shall pay to the department a nonrefundable  
1543 application fee of one thousand dollars, which fee shall be in addition to  
1544 the annual fee prescribed in subsection (d) of this section. An application  
1545 fee shall not be charged for an application to renew a dealer registration.

1546 (d) The annual fee for a dealer registration shall be eight hundred  
1547 dollars.

1548 (e) (1) The Department of Consumer Protection may renew a dealer  
1549 registration issued under this section that has expired if the applicant  
1550 pays to the department any late fee imposed by the Commissioner of  
1551 Consumer Protection pursuant to subsection (d) of section 21a-4, which  
1552 late fee shall be in addition to the fees prescribed in this section for the  
1553 dealer registration applied for.

1554 (2) A person holding a dealer registration shall update, through the  
1555 Department of Consumer Protection's online licensing system, any  
1556 application information such person has provided to the department  
1557 pursuant to this section, including, but not limited to, any contact  
1558 information, ownership information or criminal histories of the

1559 individual owners of the business entity, not later than thirty days after  
1560 any change in such information.

1561 (3) A person holding a dealer registration shall be deemed to have  
1562 constructive notice of communications sent by the Commissioner of  
1563 Consumer Protection to an electronic mail address provided by such  
1564 person.

1565 (f) (1) Any business entity in the state that sells, offers for sale or  
1566 possesses with intent to sell an electronic nicotine delivery system or  
1567 vapor product without a dealer registration as required under this  
1568 section shall, after a hearing conducted pursuant to chapter 54, be fined  
1569 not more than five thousand dollars per violation.

1570 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this  
1571 subsection, any business entity with a dealer registration that has  
1572 expired for a period of ninety calendar days or less and that, during such  
1573 ninety-day period, sells, offers for sale or possesses with intent to sell an  
1574 electronic nicotine delivery system or vapor product shall be fined not  
1575 more than five hundred dollars for each day such business entity is in  
1576 violation of the provisions of this subdivision.

1577 [(3) A person holding a dealer registration shall update, through the  
1578 Department of Consumer Protection's online licensing system, any  
1579 application information such person has provided to the department  
1580 pursuant to this section, including, but not limited to, any contact  
1581 information, ownership information or criminal histories of the  
1582 individual owners of the business entity, not later than thirty days after  
1583 any change in such information.]

1584 (g) (1) For sufficient cause found as set forth in subdivision (2) of this  
1585 subsection, the Commissioner of Consumer Protection may suspend or  
1586 revoke a dealer registration, issue fines of not more than ten thousand  
1587 dollars per violation, accept an offer in compromise or refuse to grant or  
1588 renew a dealer registration, [or] place the registrant on probation, place  
1589 conditions on such registrant or take other actions authorized by law.

1590 No information derived from an inspection or investigation conducted  
1591 by the Department of Consumer Protection related to an administrative  
1592 complaint or case shall be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of  
1593 Information Act, as defined in section 1-200, unless the department has  
1594 entered into a settlement agreement, or otherwise concluded its  
1595 investigation or inspection as evidenced by case closure. Nothing in this  
1596 subdivision shall be construed to prevent the department from sharing  
1597 any information with another state or federal agency or law  
1598 enforcement insofar as such information relates to an investigation of  
1599 any suspected violation of applicable law.

1600 (2) Any of the following shall constitute sufficient cause for the  
1601 purposes of subdivision (1) of this subsection:

1602 (A) Furnishing any false or fraudulent information in an application  
1603 or any failure to comply with the representations made in an  
1604 application;

1605 (B) A civil judgment against, or conviction of, an owner or applicant,  
1606 after review and application of the denial criteria set forth in section 46a-  
1607 80;

1608 (C) Any failure to maintain effective controls against diversion, theft  
1609 or loss of electronic nicotine delivery systems and vapor products;

1610 (D) Any denial, suspension or revocation of a license or registration  
1611 related to the sale of cigarettes, electronic nicotine delivery systems,  
1612 tobacco products or vapor products, or any denial of a renewal of a  
1613 license or registration related to the sale of cigarettes, electronic nicotine  
1614 delivery systems, tobacco products or vapor products, by any federal,  
1615 state or local government or a foreign jurisdiction;

1616 (E) Any false, misleading or deceptive representation made to the  
1617 public or to the department;

1618 (F) Any involvement in a fraudulent or deceitful practice or  
1619 transaction;

1620 (G) The possession, offer or sale of any illegal or controlled substance  
1621 by the registrant, any owner of the registrant or any person with a  
1622 financial interest in the registrant, unless otherwise permitted by  
1623 applicable law;

1624 (H) Any failure to register a trade name of the business entity with  
1625 the town in which the registrant engages in business;

1626 (I) Any failure to notify the department of any change in the  
1627 information concerning the business entity, owners, ownership  
1628 information or designated manager or supervisor;

1629 (J) Any adverse administrative decision or delinquency assessment  
1630 against the registrant by the Department of Revenue Services;

1631 (K) Any failure to cooperate, provide unfettered access to the location  
1632 or provide information to the department, local law enforcement  
1633 authorities or any other enforcement agency concerning any matter  
1634 arising out of conduct in connection with a licensee or registrant;

1635 (L) Advertising an electronic nicotine delivery system or vapor  
1636 product in any manner that (i) is designed to appeal to individuals who  
1637 are younger than twenty-one years of age by, among other things, (I)  
1638 making use of any spokesperson or celebrity who appeals to individuals  
1639 who are under the legal age to purchase electronic nicotine delivery  
1640 systems or vapor products, (II) depicting any individual who is younger  
1641 than twenty-five years of age using an electronic nicotine delivery  
1642 system or vapor product, (III) including any object, such as a toy,  
1643 character or cartoon character, that suggests the presence of an  
1644 individual who is younger than twenty-one years of age, or (IV) making  
1645 use of any other depiction or method that is designed in any manner to  
1646 be appealing to an individual who is younger than twenty-one years of  
1647 age, or (ii) claims or implies that (I) any electronic nicotine delivery  
1648 system or vapor product has any curative or therapeutic effect, or (II)  
1649 any medical claim is true;

1650 (M) Allowing an employee to promote any electronic nicotine

1651 delivery system or vapor product for a wellness purpose; [or]

1652 (N) Any failure to maintain records, or make records immediately  
1653 available to the department, in accordance with the provisions of  
1654 subdivision (4) of subsection (b) of this section; or

1655 ~~[(N)]~~ (O) Any failure to comply with any provision of this chapter or  
1656 any regulation adopted pursuant to this chapter.

1657 (h) (1) Upon refusal to issue or renew a dealer registration, the  
1658 Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall notify the applicant of the  
1659 denial and of the applicant's right to request a hearing not later than ten  
1660 days after the applicant receives the notice of denial. If the applicant  
1661 requests a hearing within such ten-day period, the commissioner shall  
1662 give notice of the grounds for the commissioner's refusal and shall  
1663 conduct a hearing concerning such refusal in accordance with the  
1664 provisions of chapter 54 concerning contested cases. If the  
1665 commissioner's denial is sustained after such hearing, the applicant  
1666 shall not apply for a new dealer registration for a period of one year after  
1667 the date on which such denial was sustained.

1668 ~~[(i)]~~ (2) No person whose dealer registration has been revoked,  
1669 including the owners of such registrant, and any person with a financial  
1670 interest in such registrant, shall apply for a dealer registration or have a  
1671 financial interest in an applicant under this section for a period of one  
1672 year after the date of such revocation.

1673 ~~[(j)]~~ (3) The voluntary surrender of a dealer registration, or the failure  
1674 to renew a dealer registration, shall not prevent the Commissioner of  
1675 Consumer Protection from suspending or revoking such dealer  
1676 registration or imposing other penalties permitted by applicable law.

1677 (i) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may impose a civil  
1678 penalty of not more than five thousand dollars for each electronic  
1679 nicotine delivery system and vapor product sold, offered for sale or  
1680 marketed in violation of this section. For purposes of this subdivision,  
1681 each such electronic nicotine delivery system or vapor product shall

1682 constitute a separate violation.

1683 (j) (1) Any electronic nicotine delivery system or vapor product sold,  
1684 offered for sale or marketed in violation of this section by a registrant  
1685 shall be deemed a common nuisance and shall be subject to immediate  
1686 seizure by the state or local police. The authorized officer shall hold such  
1687 electronic nicotine delivery system or vapor product subject to  
1688 confiscation and destruction by order of a court of competent  
1689 jurisdiction. All costs of such seizure, confiscation and destruction shall  
1690 be borne by the registrant selling, offering for sale or marketing such  
1691 electronic nicotine delivery system or vapor product.

1692 (2) Any controlled substance or cannabis sold, offered for sale or  
1693 marketed by a registrant in violation of chapter 420b, 420f or 420h, as  
1694 applicable, or regulations adopted thereunder, shall be subject to the  
1695 provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection.

1696 (k) A violation of this section shall be an unfair trade practice  
1697 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 42-110b.

1698 ~~[(k)]~~ (l) All fees, settlement amounts and fines collected under this  
1699 section shall be deposited in the consumer protection enforcement  
1700 account established in section 21a-8a.

1701 Sec. 34. Section 20-419 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1702 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

1703 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

1704 (1) "Business entity" means an association, corporation, limited  
1705 liability company, limited liability partnership or partnership.

1706 (2) "Certificate" means a certificate of registration issued under  
1707 section 20-422.

1708 (3) "Commissioner" means (A) the Commissioner of Consumer  
1709 Protection, and (B) any person designated by the commissioner to  
1710 administer and enforce this chapter.

1711 (4) (A) "Contractor" means any person who (i) owns and operates a  
1712 home improvement business, or (ii) undertakes, offers to undertake or  
1713 agrees to perform any home improvement.

1714 (B) "Contractor" does not include a person for whom the total price  
1715 of all of such person's home improvement contracts with all of such  
1716 person's customers does not exceed one thousand dollars during any  
1717 period of twelve consecutive months.

1718 (5) (A) "Home improvement" includes, but is not limited to, the  
1719 repair, replacement, remodeling, alteration, conversion, modernization,  
1720 improvement, rehabilitation or sandblasting of, or addition to, any land  
1721 or building or that portion thereof which is used or designed to be used  
1722 as a private residence, dwelling place or residential rental property, or  
1723 the construction, replacement, installation or improvement of alarm  
1724 systems not requiring electrical work, as defined in section 20-330, as  
1725 amended by this act, driveways, swimming pools, porches, garages,  
1726 roofs, siding, insulation, sunrooms, flooring, patios, landscaping, fences,  
1727 doors and windows, waterproofing [, water, fire or storm restoration]  
1728 or mold remediation in connection with such land or building or that  
1729 portion thereof which is used or designed to be used as a private  
1730 residence, dwelling place or residential rental property or the removal  
1731 or replacement of a residential underground heating oil storage tank  
1732 system, in which the total price for all work agreed upon between the  
1733 contractor and owner or proposed or offered by the contractor exceeds  
1734 two hundred dollars.

1735 (B) "Home improvement" does not include (i) the construction of a  
1736 new home, (ii) the sale of goods or materials by a seller who neither  
1737 arranges to perform nor performs, directly or indirectly, any work or  
1738 labor in connection with the installation or application of the goods or  
1739 materials, (iii) the sale of goods or services furnished for commercial or  
1740 business use or for resale, provided commercial or business use does not  
1741 include use as residential rental property, (iv) the sale of appliances,  
1742 such as stoves, refrigerators, freezers, room air conditioners and others,  
1743 which are designed for and are easily removable from the premises

1744 without material alteration thereof, (v) tree or shrub cutting or the  
1745 grinding of tree stumps, and (vi) any work performed without  
1746 compensation by the owner on such owner's own private residence or  
1747 residential rental property.

1748 (6) "Home improvement contract" means an agreement between a  
1749 contractor and an owner for the performance of a home improvement.

1750 (7) "Mold" means any form of fungi that grows in the form of  
1751 multicellular filaments known as hyphae and reproduces by way of  
1752 small spores.

1753 (8) "Mold remediation" means the removal, cleaning, sanitizing,  
1754 demolition or other treatment of mold or mold-contaminated matter in  
1755 a building.

1756 [(7)] (9) "Owner" means a person who owns or resides in a private  
1757 residence and includes any agent thereof, including, but not limited to,  
1758 a condominium association. An owner of a private residence shall not  
1759 be required to reside in such residence to be deemed an owner under  
1760 this subdivision.

1761 [(8)] (10) "Person" means an individual or a business entity.

1762 [(9)] (11) "Private residence" means a single family dwelling, a  
1763 multifamily dwelling consisting of not more than six units, or a unit,  
1764 common element or limited common element in a condominium, as  
1765 defined in section 47-68a, or in a common interest community, as  
1766 defined in section 47-202, or any number of condominium units for  
1767 which a condominium association acts as an agent for such unit owners.

1768 [(10)] (12) "Proprietor" means an individual who (A) has an  
1769 ownership interest in a business entity that holds or has held a certificate  
1770 of registration issued under this chapter, and (B) has been found by a  
1771 court of competent jurisdiction to have violated any provision of this  
1772 chapter related to the conduct of a business entity holding a certificate  
1773 or that has held a certificate issued under this chapter within the two

1774 years of the effective date of entering into a contract with an owner  
1775 harmed by the actions of such individual or business entity.

1776 [(11)] (13) "Salesman" means any individual who (A) negotiates or  
1777 offers to negotiate a home improvement contract with an owner, or (B)  
1778 solicits or otherwise endeavors to procure by any means whatsoever,  
1779 directly or indirectly, a home improvement contract from an owner on  
1780 behalf of a contractor.

1781 [(12)] (14) "Residential rental property" means a single family  
1782 dwelling, a multifamily dwelling consisting of not more than six units,  
1783 or a unit, common element or limited common element in a  
1784 condominium, as defined in section 47-68a, or in a common interest  
1785 community, as defined in section 47-202, which is not owner-occupied.

1786 [(13)] (15) "Residential underground heating oil storage tank system"  
1787 means an underground storage tank system used with or without  
1788 ancillary components in connection with real property composed of  
1789 four or less residential units.

1790 [(14)] (16) "Underground storage tank system" means an  
1791 underground tank or combination of tanks, with any underground  
1792 pipes or ancillary equipment or containment systems connected to such  
1793 tank or tanks, used to contain an accumulation of petroleum, which  
1794 volume is ten per cent or more beneath the surface of the ground.

1795 Sec. 35. Subsection (a) of section 20-420 of the general statutes is  
1796 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
1797 *1, 2026*):

1798 (a) (1) No person shall hold such person out to be a contractor or  
1799 salesperson without first obtaining a certificate of registration from the  
1800 commissioner as provided in this chapter, except [(1)] (A) that an  
1801 individual or partner, or officer or director of a corporation registered  
1802 as a contractor shall not be required to obtain a salesperson's certificate,  
1803 and [(2)] (B) as provided in subsections (e) and (f) of this section.

1804       (2) No certificate shall be given to any person who holds such person  
1805 out to be a contractor that performs radon mitigation unless such  
1806 contractor provides evidence, satisfactory to the commissioner, that the  
1807 contractor is certified as a radon mitigator by the National Radon Safety  
1808 Board or the National Environmental Health Association.

1809       (3) No certificate shall be given to any person who holds such person  
1810 out to be a contractor that performs removal or replacement of any  
1811 residential underground heating oil storage tank system unless such  
1812 contractor provides evidence, satisfactory to the commissioner, that the  
1813 contractor (A) has completed a hazardous material training program  
1814 approved by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection,  
1815 and (B) has presented evidence of liability insurance coverage of one  
1816 million dollars.

1817       (4) No certificate shall be given to any person who holds such person  
1818 out to be a contractor that performs mold remediation unless such  
1819 contractor provides an attestation, satisfactory to the commissioner, that  
1820 the contractor (A) is certified in mold remediation by the Institute of  
1821 Inspection Cleaning and Restoration Certification, (B) is certified as a  
1822 mold remediator by the National Organization of Remediators and  
1823 Microbial Inspectors, or (C) is certified to perform mold remediation by  
1824 any organization approved by the commissioner, provided the  
1825 commissioner posts notice of such approval and the name of such  
1826 approved organization on the department's Internet web site.

1827       Sec. 36. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) No contractor shall perform  
1828 any mold remediation in this state unless such contractor performs such  
1829 remediation in accordance with the ANSI/IICRC S520 "Standard for  
1830 Professional Mold Remediation, Fourth Edition", or any successor or  
1831 revision to said standard approved by the Commissioner of Consumer  
1832 Protection, provided the commissioner posts notice of such approval  
1833 and the name of such approved successor or revision on the Department  
1834 of Consumer Protection's Internet web site.

1835       Sec. 37. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) The Department of

1836 Consumer Protection shall, within available appropriations, make  
1837 available on the department's Internet web site information for  
1838 homeowners who have suffered a catastrophic loss due to fire or water  
1839 damage and are seeking to engage professionals.

1840 Sec. 38. Subparagraph (E) of subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of  
1841 section 1 of substitute house bill 5127 of the current session, as amended  
1842 by House Amendment Schedule "A", is repealed and the following is  
1843 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2027*):

1844 (E) While the consumer is in any area of a facility or institution that  
1845 is used to provide any health care service or veterinary service,  
1846 including, but not limited to, any examination room or operating room,  
1847 unless (i) such facility or institution does not include an area that is  
1848 separated from the areas of such facility or institution used to provide  
1849 health care services or veterinary services, or (ii) if such consumer's  
1850 animal or an animal under such consumer's care is receiving any  
1851 veterinary service, relocating such consumer to an area that is separated  
1852 from the areas of such facility or institution used to provide veterinary  
1853 services would, [not,] in the veterinary care provider's professional  
1854 judgment, pose a risk of harm to such animal;

1855 Sec. 39. Section 1 of substitute senate bill 4 of the current session, as  
1856 amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A", is repealed and the  
1857 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

1858 As used in this section and sections 2 to 10, inclusive, of [this act]  
1859 substitute senate bill 4 of the current session, as amended by Senate  
1860 Amendment Schedule "A", and this act, unless the context otherwise  
1861 requires:

1862 (1) "Accessible deletion mechanism" means the mechanism  
1863 established pursuant to subsection (a) of section 5 of [this act] substitute  
1864 senate bill 4 of the current session, as amended by Senate Amendment  
1865 Schedule "A", and this act;

1866 (2) "Applicant" means any data broker that submits an application for

1867 an initial registration, or for a registration renewal, under subsection (b)  
1868 of section 2 of [this act] substitute senate bill 4 of the current session, as  
1869 amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A";

1870 (3) "Brokered personal data" means one or more of the following  
1871 personal data elements concerning a consumer, if categorized or  
1872 organized for sale or license to a third party: (A) Name; (B) address; (C)  
1873 date of birth; (D) place of birth; (E) mother's maiden name; (F) unique  
1874 biometric data (i) generated from measurement or technical analysis of  
1875 a human body characteristic, including, but not limited to, a fingerprint,  
1876 retina or iris image or other unique physical or digital representation of  
1877 biometric data, and (ii) used by the owner or licensee of such unique  
1878 biometric data to identify or authenticate the consumer; (G) name or  
1879 address of a member of the consumer's immediate family or household;  
1880 (H) Social Security number or other government-issued identification  
1881 number; or (I) other information that, alone or in combination with the  
1882 other information sold or licensed, would allow a reasonable person to  
1883 identify the consumer with reasonable certainty;

1884 (4) "Business" (A) means (i) any person who regularly engages in  
1885 commercial activities for the purpose of generating income, (ii) any  
1886 bank, Connecticut credit union, federal credit union, out-of-state bank,  
1887 out-of-state trust company or out-of-state credit union, as such terms are  
1888 defined in section 36a-2 of the general statutes, and (iii) any other person  
1889 who controls, is controlled by or is under common control with any  
1890 person described in subparagraph (A)(i) or (A)(ii) of this subdivision,  
1891 and (B) does not include any body, authority, board, bureau,  
1892 commission, district or agency of this state or of any political  
1893 subdivision of this state;

1894 (5) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Consumer  
1895 Protection;

1896 (6) "Consumer" has the same meaning as provided in section 42-515  
1897 of the general statutes, as amended by [this act] substitute senate bill 4  
1898 of the current session, as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A";

1899 (7) "Data broker" means any business or, if such business is not an  
1900 individual, any portion of such business that sells or licenses brokered  
1901 personal data to another person;

1902 [(8) "Data service provider" means any person who maintains  
1903 personal data on behalf of a registered data broker;]

1904 [(9)] (8) "Deletion request" means any request submitted by a  
1905 consumer under subparagraph (A)(i) of subdivision (1) of subsection (a)  
1906 of section 5 of [this act] substitute senate bill 4 of the current session, as  
1907 amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A", and this act;

1908 [(10)] (9) "Department" means the Department of Consumer  
1909 Protection;

1910 [(11)] (10) "HIPAA" means the Health Insurance Portability and  
1911 Accountability Act of 1996, 42 USC 1320d et seq., as amended from time  
1912 to time;

1913 [(12)] (11) "License" (A) means to grant access to, or distribute,  
1914 brokered personal data in exchange for consideration, and (B) does not  
1915 include using any personal data for the sole benefit of the person who  
1916 provided such personal data if such person maintains control over the  
1917 use of such personal data;

1918 [(13)] (12) "Minor" means any consumer who is younger than  
1919 eighteen years of age;

1920 [(14)] (13) "Participating consumer" means any consumer who  
1921 submits a verified deletion request;

1922 [(15)] (14) "Person" has the same meaning as provided in section 42-  
1923 515 of the general statutes, as amended by [this act] substitute senate bill  
1924 4 of the current session, as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule  
1925 "A";

1926 [(16)] (15) "Personal data" has the same meaning as provided in  
1927 section 42-515 of the general statutes, as amended by [this act] substitute

1928 senate bill 4 of the current session, as amended by Senate Amendment  
1929 Schedule "A";

1930 [(17)] (16) "Registered data broker" means any data broker that is  
1931 actively registered as a data broker in accordance with the provisions of  
1932 section 2 of [this act] substitute senate bill 4 of the current session, as  
1933 amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A"; and

1934 [(18)] (17) "Unregistered data broker" means any data broker that is  
1935 not actively registered as a data broker in accordance with the  
1936 provisions of section 2 of [this act] substitute senate bill 4 of the current  
1937 session, as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A".

1938 Sec. 40. Section 5 of substitute senate bill 4 of the current session, as  
1939 amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A", is repealed and the  
1940 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

1941 (a) (1) Not later than July 1, 2028, the Commissioner of Consumer  
1942 Protection shall establish an accessible deletion mechanism program. As  
1943 part of the accessible deletion mechanism program, the commissioner  
1944 shall establish an accessible deletion mechanism that:

1945 (A) Enables a consumer to (i) submit a deletion request, in a verifiable  
1946 form and manner prescribed by the commissioner, without charge to  
1947 the consumer and in [any language spoken] English, Spanish or any  
1948 other language spoken by a consumer for whom a registered data  
1949 broker has collected personal data and at home by at least one per cent  
1950 of the state's population, according to statistics prepared by the United  
1951 States Census Bureau based on the most recent decennial census, that  
1952 all registered data brokers [and data service providers] delete the  
1953 consumer's personal data, and (ii) specifically exclude one or more  
1954 registered data brokers [, and all data service providers for such  
1955 registered data broker or brokers,] from the consumer's deletion  
1956 request;

1957 (B) Enables a consumer to (i) securely submit, in a form and manner  
1958 prescribed by the commissioner, (I) [the consumer's motor vehicle

1959 operator's license number] information sufficient to establish that the  
1960 consumer is a resident of this state, and (II) additional personal data to  
1961 aid in processing the consumer's deletion request, (ii) determine the  
1962 status of the consumer's deletion request, and (iii) not more frequently  
1963 than once during any forty-five-day period, submit an update to the  
1964 participating consumer's verified deletion request in a verifiable form  
1965 and manner prescribed by the commissioner, without charge to such  
1966 participating consumer and in [any language spoken] English, Spanish  
1967 or any other language spoken by a consumer for whom a registered data  
1968 broker has collected personal data and at home by at least one per cent  
1969 of the state's population, according to statistics prepared by the United  
1970 States Census Bureau based on the most recent decennial census;

1971 (C) Enables a registered data broker to determine whether a  
1972 consumer has specifically excluded the registered data broker [, and all  
1973 data service providers for such registered data broker,] from the  
1974 consumer's deletion request or any update thereto;

1975 (D) Does not enable a registered data broker that accesses the  
1976 accessible deletion mechanism for the purposes set forth in  
1977 subparagraph (C) of this subdivision to access any additional personal  
1978 data by way of such accessible deletion mechanism;

1979 (E) Is readily accessible and usable by consumers with disabilities;

1980 (F) Incorporates reasonable security safeguards, including, but not  
1981 limited to, administrative, physical and technical safeguards, to protect  
1982 consumers' personal data from any unauthorized use, disclosure,  
1983 access, destruction or modification by way of the accessible deletion  
1984 mechanism; and

1985 (G) Provides, in a manner that is readily understandable by  
1986 consumers, (i) a description of what constitutes personal data and  
1987 therefore may be subject to a deletion request, (ii) an explanation of the  
1988 processes for a consumer to submit and update a deletion request, and  
1989 (iii) a description of the actions required under subsections (b) and (c) of

1990 this section.

1991 (2) (A) If a consumer submits the consumer's motor vehicle operator's  
1992 license number to the commissioner for the purpose of verifying such  
1993 consumer's deletion request or any update thereto, the commissioner  
1994 shall use such consumer's motor vehicle operator's license number to  
1995 verify such deletion request or update and for no other purpose. [The  
1996 commissioner shall not share, store or retain such consumer's motor  
1997 vehicle operator's license number.]

1998 (B) Each deletion request and update thereto is confidential and shall  
1999 not be deemed a public record for the purposes of the Freedom of  
2000 Information Act, as defined in section 1-200 of the general statutes.

2001 (b) On and after August 15, 2028, and except as provided in section 7  
2002 of [this act] substitute senate bill 4 of the current session, as amended by  
2003 Senate Amendment Schedule "A", the Commissioner of Consumer  
2004 Protection, or the commissioner's authorized agent, shall:

2005 (1) Verify that the consumer who purportedly submitted a deletion  
2006 request or update thereto actually submitted such deletion request or  
2007 update by using information submitted by such [consumer's motor  
2008 vehicle operator's license number] consumer sufficient to establish that  
2009 such consumer is a resident of this state and, following such verification,  
2010 update the accessible deletion mechanism to inform each registered data  
2011 broker that accesses the accessible deletion mechanism that such  
2012 deletion request or update has been verified; and

2013 (2) If the commissioner, or the commissioner's authorized agent,  
2014 cannot verify that the consumer who purportedly submitted a deletion  
2015 request or update thereto actually submitted such deletion request or  
2016 update, specify that all registered data brokers [, and all data service  
2017 providers for such registered data brokers,] that are not specifically  
2018 excluded from such unverified deletion request or such unverified  
2019 update (A) may retain any personal data such registered data brokers  
2020 [and data service providers] maintain concerning such consumer, and

2021 (B) shall process such unverified deletion request or such unverified  
2022 update as an exercise of such consumer's right under subparagraph (B)  
2023 of subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of section 42-518 of the general  
2024 statutes, as amended by [this act] substitute senate bill 4 of the current  
2025 session, as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A".

2026 (c) (1) On and after October 1, 2028, and except as provided in section  
2027 7 of [this act] substitute senate bill 4 of the current session, as amended  
2028 by Senate Amendment Schedule "A", each registered data broker shall  
2029 access the accessible deletion mechanism at least once every forty-five  
2030 days to:

2031 (A) Examine each deletion request or update thereto to determine  
2032 whether such registered data broker [, and all data service providers for  
2033 such registered data broker, are] is specifically excluded from such  
2034 deletion request or update; and

2035 (B) (i) For each verified deletion request or verified update thereto  
2036 that does not specifically exclude such registered data broker, [and all  
2037 data service providers for such registered data broker, and] subject to  
2038 the exceptions set forth in subdivision (5) of this subsection, delete any  
2039 personal data such registered data broker maintains concerning the  
2040 participating consumer, [and direct all data service providers that  
2041 maintain any personal data concerning the participating consumer on  
2042 behalf of such registered data broker to delete such personal data]  
2043 except such registered data broker shall maintain any such personal  
2044 data to the extent that maintaining such personal data is necessary to  
2045 comply with the provisions of this section and, if such registered data  
2046 broker maintains such personal data for such purpose, not use such  
2047 personal data for any other purpose; or

2048 (ii) For each unverified deletion request or unverified update thereto  
2049 that does not specifically exclude such registered data broker, [and all  
2050 data service providers for such registered data broker,] (I) retain any  
2051 personal data such registered data broker maintains concerning the  
2052 consumer, and (II) process such unverified deletion request or such

2053 unverified update [, and direct all data service providers for such  
2054 registered data broker to process such unverified deletion request or  
2055 such unverified update,] as an exercise of the consumer's right under  
2056 subparagraph (B) of subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of section 42-518 of  
2057 the general statutes, as amended by [this act] substitute senate bill 4 of  
2058 the current session, as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A".

2059 (2) At least once every forty-five days after a registered data broker  
2060 first deletes a participating consumer's personal data pursuant to  
2061 subparagraph (B)(i) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, repeat the  
2062 actions required under subparagraph (B)(i) of subdivision (1) of this  
2063 subsection unless:

2064 (A) Such registered data broker verifies that the participating  
2065 consumer has submitted a verified update to a verified deletion request  
2066 such participating consumer previously submitted to the accessible  
2067 deletion mechanism; and

2068 (B) Such verified update specifically excludes such registered data  
2069 broker [and all data service providers for such registered data broker]  
2070 from the verified updated deletion request.

2071 (3) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may impose a fee on  
2072 each registered data broker that accesses the accessible deletion  
2073 mechanism for the purposes of performing such registered data broker's  
2074 duties under subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection. Such fee shall  
2075 be in an amount determined by the commissioner, but shall not exceed  
2076 the cost of providing such access. All fees collected under this  
2077 subdivision shall be deposited in the data broker registration account  
2078 established in section 8 of [this act] substitute senate bill 4 of the current  
2079 session, as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A".

2080 (4) On and after October 1, 2028, and except as provided in  
2081 subdivision (5) of this subsection, no registered data broker [, and no  
2082 data service provider for such registered data broker,] that deletes a  
2083 participating consumer's personal data pursuant to subparagraph (B)(i)

2084 of subdivision (1) of this subsection or subdivision (2) of this subsection  
2085 shall maintain, use or disclose any personal data such registered data  
2086 broker [or data service provider] subsequently acquires concerning the  
2087 participating consumer.

2088 (5) (A) No registered data broker who maintains a participating  
2089 consumer's personal data [, and no data service provider for such  
2090 registered data broker,] shall be required to delete the participating  
2091 consumer's personal data, and may maintain, use or disclose such  
2092 consumer's personal data, to the extent that maintaining, using or  
2093 disclosing such participating consumer's personal data is reasonably  
2094 necessary to (i) comply with any federal, state or municipal law,  
2095 ordinance or regulation, (ii) comply with any civil, criminal or  
2096 regulatory inquiry, investigation, subpoena or summons by any federal,  
2097 state, municipal or other governmental authority, (iii) cooperate with  
2098 any law enforcement agency concerning any conduct or activity that  
2099 such registered data broker [or data service provider] reasonably and in  
2100 good faith believes may violate any federal, state or municipal law,  
2101 ordinance or regulation, (iv) investigate, establish, exercise, prepare for  
2102 or defend any legal claim, (v) provide any product or service specifically  
2103 requested by such participating consumer, (vi) perform pursuant to any  
2104 contract to which such participating consumer is a party, including, but  
2105 not limited to, by fulfilling the terms of a written warranty, (vii) take any  
2106 step at the request of such participating consumer prior to entering into  
2107 a contract, (viii) take any immediate step to protect any interest that is  
2108 essential for the life or physical safety of such participating consumer or  
2109 another individual, (ix) prevent, detect, protect against or respond to  
2110 any security incident, identity theft, fraud, harassment, malicious or  
2111 deceptive activity or any illegal activity, preserve the integrity or  
2112 security of any system or investigate, report or prosecute those  
2113 responsible for any such action, (x) engage in any public or peer-  
2114 reviewed scientific or statistical research in the public interest that  
2115 adheres to all other applicable ethics and privacy laws and is approved,  
2116 monitored and governed by an institutional review board, or a similar  
2117 independent oversight entity, that determines that (I) maintaining such

2118 participating consumer's personal data is likely to provide substantial  
2119 benefits that do not exclusively accrue to such registered data broker,  
2120 [or data service provider,] (II) the expected benefits of such research  
2121 outweigh the privacy risks, and (III) such registered data broker [or data  
2122 service provider] has implemented reasonable safeguards to mitigate  
2123 any privacy risk associated with such research, (xi) assist any other  
2124 person in performing any obligation imposed under sections 1 to 10,  
2125 inclusive, of [this act] substitute senate bill 4 of the current session, as  
2126 amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A", and this act, (xii)  
2127 conduct internal research to develop, improve or repair any product,  
2128 service or technology, (xiii) effectuate a product recall, (xiv) identify and  
2129 repair any technical error that impairs existing or intended  
2130 functionality, or (xv) perform internal operations that are reasonably  
2131 aligned with the expectations such participating consumer had, or  
2132 reasonably anticipated, based on such participating consumer's existing  
2133 relationship with such registered data broker.

2134 (B) Except as provided in section 7 of [this act] substitute senate bill 4  
2135 of the current session, as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A",  
2136 no registered data broker [, or data service provider for such registered  
2137 data broker,] that maintains, uses or discloses a participating consumer's  
2138 personal data for any purpose set forth in subparagraph (A) of this  
2139 subdivision shall maintain, use or disclose the participating consumer's  
2140 personal data for any other purpose.

2141 (d) (1) Except as provided in section 7 of [this act] substitute senate  
2142 bill 4 of the current session, as amended by Senate Amendment  
2143 Schedule "A", not later than July 1, 2031, and triennially thereafter, each  
2144 registered data broker shall, at the expense of such registered data  
2145 broker, (A) retain an independent auditor to (i) audit the books of such  
2146 registered data broker to determine whether such registered data broker  
2147 is in compliance with the provisions of subsection (c) of this section, (ii)  
2148 prepare an audit report disclosing the results of such audit, and (iii)  
2149 submit such audit report, and any materials associated therewith, to  
2150 such registered data broker, and (B) maintain each audit report, and any

2151 materials associated therewith, that are submitted to such registered  
2152 data broker pursuant to subparagraph (A)(iii) of this subdivision for a  
2153 period of at least six years beginning on the date on which such audit  
2154 report and materials are submitted to such registered data broker.

2155 (2) Except as provided in section 7 of [this act] substitute senate bill 4  
2156 of the current session, as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A",  
2157 a registered data broker shall submit an audit report and the materials  
2158 described in subparagraph (A)(iii) of subdivision (1) of this subsection  
2159 to the Department of Consumer Protection, in a form and manner  
2160 prescribed by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, not later than  
2161 five business days after the department sends notice to the registered  
2162 data broker disclosing that the department requires such registered data  
2163 broker to submit such audit report and materials to the department.

2164 (e) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may enter into a  
2165 contract with one or more public or private entities (1) for any services  
2166 necessary to implement the provisions of subsections (a) to (d),  
2167 inclusive, of this section, (2) to administer the accessible deletion  
2168 mechanism program established pursuant to subsection (a) of this  
2169 section, or (3) to administer a multistate accessible deletion mechanism  
2170 program.

2171 Sec. 41. Subdivision (1) of section 6 of substitute senate bill 4 of the  
2172 current session, as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A", is  
2173 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
2174 *1, 2026*):

2175 (1) The total number of deletion requests, inclusive of any updates  
2176 thereto, that such business accessed during the preceding calendar year  
2177 and that did not specifically exclude such business; [and all data service  
2178 providers for such business;]

2179 Sec. 42. Subsection (a) of section 7 of substitute senate bill 4 of the  
2180 current session, as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A", is  
2181 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*

2182 1, 2026):

2183 (a) The provisions of sections 1 to 10, inclusive, of [this act] substitute  
2184 senate bill 4 of the current session, as amended by Senate Amendment  
2185 Schedule "A" shall not apply to: (1) [A] Personal data collected,  
2186 processed, sold or disclosed in compliance with the Driver's Privacy  
2187 Protection Act of 1994, 18 USC 2721 et seq., as amended from time to  
2188 time; (2) a covered entity, business associate or protected health  
2189 information under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability  
2190 Act of 1996, P.L. 104-191, as amended from time to time; (3) a consumer  
2191 reporting agency, as defined in 15 USC 1681a(f), as amended from time  
2192 to time, a person who furnishes information to a consumer reporting  
2193 agency, as provided in 15 USC 1681s-2, as amended from time to time,  
2194 or a user of a consumer report, as defined in 15 USC 1681a(d), as  
2195 amended from time to time, to the extent that the consumer reporting  
2196 agency, person or user engages in activities that are subject to regulation  
2197 under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 USC 1681 et seq., as amended  
2198 from time to time; [(2)] (4) a financial institution, an affiliate or a  
2199 nonaffiliated third party, as such terms are defined in 15 USC 6809, as  
2200 amended from time to time, to the extent that the financial institution,  
2201 affiliate or nonaffiliated third party engages in activities that are subject  
2202 to regulation under Title V of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, 15 USC 6801  
2203 et seq., and the regulations adopted thereunder, as said act and such  
2204 regulations may be amended from time to time; [(3)] (5) a business that  
2205 collects information concerning a consumer if the consumer is or was  
2206 (A) in a contractual relationship with the business, (B) an investor in the  
2207 business, (C) a donor to the business, or (D) in any relationship with the  
2208 business that is similar to the relationships described in subparagraphs  
2209 (A) to (C), inclusive, of this subdivision; [(4)] (6) a business that performs  
2210 services for, or is acting as an agent or otherwise on behalf of, a business  
2211 described in subdivision [(3)] (5) of this subsection or a governmental  
2212 entity; [(5)] (7) a business collecting data used for purposes of the  
2213 regulation of listed chemicals as set forth in 21 USC 830, as amended  
2214 from time to time; [(6)] (8) a candidate committee, national committee,  
2215 party committee or political committee, as such terms are defined in

2216 section 9-601 of the general statutes; and [(7)] (9) a covered entity or  
2217 business associate, as defined in 45 CFR 160.103.

2218 Sec. 43. Section 10 of substitute senate bill 4 of the current session, as  
2219 amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A", is repealed and the  
2220 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

2221 The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, after providing notice  
2222 and conducting a hearing in accordance with the provisions of chapter  
2223 54 of the general statutes, may impose a civil penalty of not more than  
2224 two hundred dollars per day per consumer for each violation of any  
2225 provision of sections 2 to 8, inclusive, of [this act] substitute senate bill 4  
2226 of the current session, as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A".  
2227 Any civil penalties collected under this section shall be deposited in the  
2228 data broker registration account established in section 8 of [this act]  
2229 substitute senate bill 4 of the current session, as amended by Senate  
2230 Amendment Schedule "A".

2231 Sec. 44. (NEW) (*Effective February 1, 2027*) (a) As used in this section:

2232 (1) "Bona fide market price" means the price at which a consumer  
2233 good or consumer service is advertised to the public on a regular basis  
2234 by the retail seller or third-party delivery service for a reasonably  
2235 substantial period of time;

2236 (2) "Consumer" has the same meaning as provided in section 42-515  
2237 of the general statutes;

2238 (3) "Consumer good" means any article that is purchased, leased,  
2239 exchanged or received primarily for personal, family or household  
2240 purposes;

2241 (4) "Consumer service" means any service that is purchased, leased,  
2242 exchanged or received primarily for personal, family or household  
2243 purposes;

2244 (5) "Discounted price" means any price for a consumer good or

2245 consumer service that is (A) established for, or offered to, a consumer or  
2246 group of consumers, and (B) verifiably lower than the generally  
2247 available, publicly disclosed and bona fide market price established for  
2248 the consumer good or consumer service;

2249 (6) "Person" means any individual, association, corporation, limited  
2250 liability company, partnership, trust or other legal entity;

2251 (7) "Personal data" has the same meaning as provided in section 42-  
2252 515 of the general statutes;

2253 (8) "Retail seller" (A) means a retailer, as defined in section 12-407 of  
2254 the general statutes, to the extent such retailer is engaged in making in-  
2255 person sales, at retail, of tangible personal property, and (B) includes,  
2256 but is not limited to, a retail food establishment;

2257 (9) "Surveillance pricing" means the practice of establishing a  
2258 customized price for a consumer good or consumer service that is  
2259 specific to a consumer or group of consumers based, in whole or in part,  
2260 on the consumer's personal data collected (A) through any technology  
2261 or technological method, system or tool, including, but not limited to,  
2262 any biometric monitoring, camera, device tracking or sensor, that is  
2263 used to gather personal data in a physical or digital environment, and  
2264 (B) by the person establishing the customized price either directly or  
2265 indirectly by gathering, purchasing or otherwise acquiring such  
2266 personal data from a third party; and

2267 (10) "Third-party delivery service" means a company, organization or  
2268 entity, outside of the operation of a retail food establishment's business,  
2269 that facilitates delivery or online ordering services to customers of a  
2270 retail food establishment.

2271 (b) (1) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, any person  
2272 doing business in the state who engages in surveillance pricing for any  
2273 reason other than to establish a discounted price for a consumer good  
2274 or consumer service to be sold, leased, exchanged or provided as part of  
2275 an online transaction, and who directly or indirectly advertises or

2276 promotes online a price established for a consumer good or consumer  
2277 service by using surveillance pricing, labels a consumer good with such  
2278 price online or publishes an online statement, display, image, offer or  
2279 announcement disclosing such price, shall include in such online  
2280 advertisement, promotion, label, statement, display, image, offer or  
2281 announcement the following disclosure, or a substantially similar  
2282 disclosure: "THIS PRICE WAS INCREASED USING YOUR PERSONAL  
2283 DATA". Any person doing business in this state who is required to  
2284 include such disclosure shall disclose to consumers their rights under  
2285 section 42-518 of the general statutes. No disclosure shall be required  
2286 under this subdivision if the advertised, promoted, labeled or published  
2287 price is the bona fide market price.

2288 (2) The disclosure required under subdivision (1) of this subsection  
2289 shall be readily visible to the average consumer.

2290 (c) (1) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, no retail  
2291 seller or third-party delivery service doing business in the state shall  
2292 engage in surveillance pricing.

2293 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this  
2294 subsection, the following shall not be deemed to constitute surveillance  
2295 pricing:

2296 (A) Establishing for, or offering to, a consumer a discounted price for  
2297 a consumer good or consumer service for purposes such as retaining a  
2298 consumer as a customer, reestablishing a consumer as a customer,  
2299 attracting a consumer as a new customer, cross-selling an item to a  
2300 consumer or reengaging a lapsed customer;

2301 (B) Establishing for, or offering to, different consumers different  
2302 prices for the same consumer good or consumer service due to (i)  
2303 justifiable differences in the costs incurred in providing such consumer  
2304 good or consumer service to such consumers, including, but not limited  
2305 to, justifiable differences in consumers' physical locations, consumer  
2306 selections, delivery distances or delivery times, or (ii) justifiable

2307 temporal differences, including, but not limited to, justifiable temporal  
2308 differences due to price fluctuations based on supply and demand;

2309 (C) Establishing for, or offering to, a consumer or group of consumers  
2310 a discounted price for a consumer good or consumer service (i) based  
2311 on publicly disclosed discounted prices and uniform terms and  
2312 conditions that may be satisfied by any consumer, including, but not  
2313 limited to, by signing up for a mailing list, registering for promotional  
2314 communications or participating in a promotional event, (ii) that is  
2315 available to all consumers who are members of a broadly defined group,  
2316 including, but not limited to, veterans or members of the armed forces,  
2317 senior citizens, students, teachers or residents of a specific area, based  
2318 on publicly disclosed discounts and uniform terms and conditions, or  
2319 (iii) through a loyalty, membership or rewards program in which  
2320 consumers must affirmatively enroll. The retail seller or third-party  
2321 delivery service shall prominently post the discount and discounted  
2322 price, and the uniform terms and conditions for such discount and  
2323 discounted price, on such retail seller's or third-party delivery service's  
2324 Internet web site in language that is readily understandable by the  
2325 average consumer; or

2326 (D) Correcting a price resulting from a pricing error or resetting a  
2327 price following a system or network outage.

2328 (d) The provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this section shall not  
2329 be construed to apply to:

2330 (1) Any person licensed, authorized to operate or registered, or  
2331 required to be licensed, authorized to operate or registered, pursuant to  
2332 the insurance laws of this state; or

2333 (2) Any person who can demonstrate that any refusal to extend credit,  
2334 the terms, rates or pricing on which any credit or financial services are  
2335 extended or any refusal to enter into a transaction with a specific  
2336 consumer is based on (A) data provided in a consumer report covered  
2337 by the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 USC 1681 et seq., as amended from

2338 time to time, or (B) data reflecting factors a creditor is permitted to  
2339 consider under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, 15 USC 1681 et seq.,  
2340 as amended from time to time, and the regulations promulgated under  
2341 said act.

2342 (e) Any violation of the provisions of subsections (b) to (d), inclusive,  
2343 of this section shall constitute an unfair or deceptive trade practice for  
2344 the purposes of subsection (a) of section 42-110b of the general statutes  
2345 and shall be enforced solely by the Attorney General. Nothing in this  
2346 section shall be construed to create a private right of action or to provide  
2347 grounds for an action under section 42-110g of the general statutes.

2348 Sec. 45. Subsection (a) of section 42-524 of the 2026 supplement to the  
2349 general statutes, as amended by section 12 of public act 25-113, is  
2350 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
2351 *1, 2026*):

2352 (a) (1) Nothing in sections 42-515 to 42-526, inclusive, shall be  
2353 construed to restrict a controller's, processor's or consumer health data  
2354 controller's ability to: [(1)] (A) Comply with federal, state or municipal  
2355 ordinances or regulations; [(2)] (B) comply with a civil, criminal or  
2356 regulatory inquiry, investigation, subpoena or summons by federal,  
2357 state, municipal or other governmental authorities; [(3)] (C) cooperate  
2358 with law enforcement agencies concerning conduct or activity that the  
2359 controller, processor or consumer health data controller reasonably and  
2360 in good faith believes may violate federal, state or municipal ordinances  
2361 or regulations; [(4)] (D) investigate, establish, exercise, prepare for or  
2362 defend legal claims; [(5)] (E) provide a product or service specifically  
2363 requested by a consumer; [(6)] (F) perform [under] pursuant to a  
2364 contract to which a consumer is a party, including fulfilling the terms of  
2365 a written warranty; [(7)] (G) take steps at the request of a consumer prior  
2366 to entering into a contract; [(8)] (H) take immediate steps to protect an  
2367 interest that is essential for the life or physical safety of the consumer or  
2368 another individual, and where the processing cannot be manifestly  
2369 based on another legal basis; [(9)] (I) prevent, detect, protect against or  
2370 respond to security incidents, identity theft, fraud, harassment,

2371 malicious or deceptive activities or any illegal activity, preserve the  
2372 integrity or security of systems or investigate, report or prosecute those  
2373 responsible for any such action; [(10)] (J) engage in public or peer-  
2374 reviewed scientific or statistical research in the public interest that  
2375 adheres to all other applicable ethics and privacy laws and is approved,  
2376 monitored and governed by an institutional review board that  
2377 determines, or similar independent oversight entities that determine,  
2378 [(A)] (i) whether the deletion of the information is likely to provide  
2379 substantial benefits that do not exclusively accrue to the controller or  
2380 consumer health data controller, [(B)] (ii) the expected benefits of the  
2381 research outweigh the privacy risks, and [(C)] (iii) whether the  
2382 controller or consumer health data controller has implemented  
2383 reasonable safeguards to mitigate privacy risks associated with  
2384 research, including any risks associated with re-identification; [(11)] (K)  
2385 assist another controller, processor, consumer health data controller or  
2386 third party with any of the obligations under sections 42-515 to 42-526,  
2387 inclusive; or [(12)] (L) process personal data for reasons of public interest  
2388 in the area of public health, community health or population health, but  
2389 solely to the extent that such processing is [(A)] (i) subject to suitable  
2390 and specific measures to safeguard the rights of the consumer whose  
2391 personal data are being processed, and [(B)] (ii) under the responsibility  
2392 of a professional subject to confidentiality obligations under federal,  
2393 state or local law.

2394 (2) (A) A controller or consumer health data controller that uses any  
2395 facial recognition technology on its premises to prevent, detect, protect  
2396 against or respond to security incidents, identity theft, fraud,  
2397 harassment, malicious or deceptive activities or any illegal activity,  
2398 preserve the integrity or security of systems or investigate, report or  
2399 prosecute those responsible for any such action shall: (i) Exclusively use  
2400 such facial recognition technology to match still images or video to a  
2401 database maintained exclusively by such controller or consumer health  
2402 data controller; and (ii) post clearly legible signage at each entrance to  
2403 the premises where the facial recognition technology described in  
2404 subparagraph (A)(i) of this subdivision is in use, other than an entrance

2405 to an area where access is restricted to authorized employees, (I) alerting  
2406 consumers entering such premises that facial recognition technology is  
2407 in use at such premises, and (II) that includes a conspicuous hyperlink  
2408 or quick response code that directs consumers to the facial recognition  
2409 technology policy maintained by such controller or consumer health  
2410 data controller.

2411 (B) Each facial recognition technology policy maintained pursuant to  
2412 subparagraph (A)(ii)(II) of this subdivision: (i) Shall include contact  
2413 information for the office of the Attorney General; and (ii) may disclose  
2414 the controller's or consumer health data controller's policies concerning  
2415 interactions between such controller's or consumer health data  
2416 controller's loss prevention officers and consumers.

2417 (C) No controller or consumer health data controller shall be required  
2418 to satisfy the requirements established in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of  
2419 this subdivision with respect to a consumer if the controller or consumer  
2420 health data controller has obtained the consumer's consent to use facial  
2421 recognition technology in the course of a commercial transaction.

2422 Sec. 46. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) As used in this section:

2423 (1) "Consumer" has the same meaning as provided in section 42-515  
2424 of the general statutes;

2425 (2) "Generative artificial intelligence system" (A) means any  
2426 technology that uses machine learning to generate images, audio or  
2427 video, and (B) includes, but is not limited to, any system utilizing deep  
2428 learning, natural language processing or other computational  
2429 processing techniques of similar or greater complexity;

2430 (3) "Person" means an individual, association, corporation, limited  
2431 liability company, partnership, trust or other legal entity;

2432 (4) "Subscription" means an agreement between a subscription-based  
2433 provider and a consumer under which the subscription-based provider  
2434 offers a generative artificial intelligence system to the consumer in

2435 exchange for a fee, remuneration or compensation of any kind from the  
2436 consumer; and

2437 (5) "Subscription-based provider" (A) means a person doing business  
2438 in the state who (i) creates, codes or otherwise produces a generative  
2439 artificial intelligence system that (I) has more than one million users per  
2440 month, and (II) is publicly accessible to consumers for personal use, and  
2441 (ii) provides, or offers to provide, the generative artificial intelligence  
2442 system to a consumer pursuant to a subscription, and (B) does not  
2443 include any federal, state or local government agency.

2444 (b) (1) No subscription-based provider shall enter into or renew a  
2445 subscription with a consumer, or collect any fee, remuneration or  
2446 compensation of any kind from a consumer for an initial subscription or  
2447 subscription renewal, unless:

2448 (A) The subscription-based provider has provided to the consumer a  
2449 written notice disclosing the key terms and conditions of the  
2450 subscription; and

2451 (B) The consumer has provided to the subscription-based provider a  
2452 written notice disclosing that the consumer has accepted the key terms  
2453 and conditions of the subscription.

2454 (2) The written notice required under subparagraph (A) of  
2455 subdivision (1) of this subsection shall, at a minimum, set forth:

2456 (A) In the case of an initial subscription, material information that is  
2457 sufficient to enable a reasonable consumer to decide whether to  
2458 purchase or maintain the subscription, which information shall include,  
2459 but need not be limited to:

2460 (i) Any quantitative or qualitative limitations, including, but not  
2461 limited to, any limitations on tokens, images generated or modified or  
2462 transcription services, the subscription-based provider may impose  
2463 under the terms of such subscription, including, but not limited to, any  
2464 such limitations the subscription-based provider may impose in

2465 response to conduct by the consumer under such subscription; and

2466 (ii) Whether the subscription-based provider has discretion to limit  
2467 or eliminate the consumer's access to, or reduce the quantity or quality  
2468 of, any functionality of the generative artificial intelligence system  
2469 offered under such subscription; and

2470 (B) In the case of a subscription renewal:

2471 (i) Any quantitative or qualitative limitations described in  
2472 subparagraph (A)(i) of this subdivision that (I) will be imposed for the  
2473 first time during the subscription renewal term, or (II) were imposed for  
2474 the immediately preceding subscription term but have been modified  
2475 for the subscription renewal term; and

2476 (ii) Any discretion described in subparagraph (A)(ii) of this  
2477 subdivision that the subscription-based provider (I) will be able to  
2478 exercise for the first time during the subscription renewal term, or (II)  
2479 was able to exercise during the immediately preceding subscription  
2480 term but has been modified for the subscription renewal term.

2481 (c) Any violation of the provisions of subsection (b) of this section  
2482 shall constitute an unfair or deceptive trade practice for the purposes of  
2483 subsection (a) of section 42-110b of the general statutes and shall be  
2484 enforced solely by the Attorney General. The provisions of section 42-  
2485 110g of the general statutes, shall not apply to any such violation.  
2486 Nothing in this section shall be construed as providing the basis for a  
2487 private right of action.

2488 Sec. 47. (Effective October 1, 2027) (a) As used in this section:

2489 (1) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Consumer  
2490 Protection;

2491 (2) "Department" means the Department of Consumer Protection;

2492 (3) "Independent verification organization" means an independent  
2493 third-party entity approved as part of the pilot program to assess the

2494 adherence of artificial intelligence models to standards reflecting best  
2495 practices for risk mitigation and the prevention of harm;

2496 (4) "Person" has the same meaning as provided in section 42-110a of  
2497 the general statutes; and

2498 (5) "Pilot program" means the pilot program established pursuant to  
2499 subsection (b) of this section.

2500 (b) The Department of Consumer Protection shall, within available  
2501 appropriations, develop and administer a pilot program to evaluate the  
2502 use of independent verification programs administered by independent  
2503 third-party entities to assess the adherence of artificial intelligence  
2504 models to standards reflecting best practices for the prevention of  
2505 personal injury, property damage, data privacy harms and other harms.  
2506 The pilot program shall terminate on March 31, 2031.

2507 (c) An independent third-party entity seeking to participate in the  
2508 pilot program as an independent verification organization shall submit  
2509 an application to the Department of Consumer Protection in a form and  
2510 manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection. Each  
2511 application shall include:

2512 (1) A description of the scope of the applicant independent third-  
2513 party entity's independent verification program, including, but not  
2514 limited to, a description of the harms to be prevented or mitigated and  
2515 the risks against which such applicant intends to verify that artificial  
2516 intelligence models implement mitigation measures sufficient to  
2517 achieve acceptable levels of risk;

2518 (2) For each risk described pursuant to subdivision (1) of this  
2519 subsection, (A) a proposed definition of the acceptable levels of risk, (B)  
2520 metrics that are measurable and can be used to determine whether the  
2521 acceptable levels of risk defined by the applicant independent third-  
2522 party entity produce beneficial outcomes, (C) target levels for such  
2523 metrics, including, but not limited to, the data sources upon which such  
2524 target levels are based and methods for measurement, and (D) a

2525 description of the evaluation and reporting protocol that will be used to  
2526 determine whether verified artificial intelligence models meet the  
2527 outcome metrics on an ongoing basis, including, but not limited to, a  
2528 description of how, where appropriate, the applicant independent  
2529 third-party entity's methodologies, metrics, benchmarks and  
2530 verification processes align with relevant guidance, standards and  
2531 frameworks developed by federal and state authorities, such as the  
2532 National Institute of Standards and Technology, and international  
2533 organizations, such as the International Organization for  
2534 Standardization or the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers;

2535 (3) A detailed explanation of the applicant independent third-party  
2536 entity's evaluation and verification processes for such entity's  
2537 independent verification program, including, but not limited to, how  
2538 such entity determines whether a person participating in an artificial  
2539 intelligence model is using industry best practices;

2540 (4) The applicant independent third-party entity's (A) technical,  
2541 governance and audit methodologies for such entity's independent  
2542 verification program, (B) ongoing monitoring, reassessment and  
2543 remediation procedures for such program, including, but not limited to,  
2544 such entity's (i) corrective action procedures for such program, and (ii)  
2545 procedures for suspension, revocation or verification of good standing,  
2546 as applicable, (C) policies to ensure independence and transparency and  
2547 to avoid conflicts of interest, and (D) governance structure;

2548 (5) The qualifications of the applicant independent third-party  
2549 entity's personnel who are involved in such entity's independent  
2550 verification program; and

2551 (6) Any additional information the commissioner requires for the  
2552 purposes of this section.

2553 (d) The Department of Consumer Protection shall approve not more  
2554 than five independent verification organizations to participate in the  
2555 pilot program. Each independent verification organization shall:

2556 (1) Establish and maintain (A) minimum verification and auditing  
2557 standards for persons seeking verification from such independent  
2558 verification organization's independent verification program for  
2559 artificial intelligence models, and (B) procedures for verification  
2560 suspension or revocation for persons participating in such program;

2561 (2) Share data with, and submit an annual report to, the department,  
2562 in a form and manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Consumer  
2563 Protection;

2564 (3) Require each person participating in such independent  
2565 verification organization's independent verification program to  
2566 participate in such program in a manner that is transparent to the public;  
2567 and

2568 (4) Establish procedures for reassessment and, if necessary,  
2569 suspension of verification when a person participating in such program  
2570 makes a material change to a verified artificial intelligence model,  
2571 including, but not limited to, a material change to the training data,  
2572 deployment context or intended use of the verified artificial intelligence  
2573 model.

2574 (e) (1) Evidence of verification or good standing provided by an  
2575 independent verification organization shall be admissible solely in a  
2576 civil action brought by a private party asserting claims for personal  
2577 injury or property damage caused by an artificial intelligence model,  
2578 and only to the extent such action relates to a specific harm or risk within  
2579 such verification's state-approved scope. Such evidence shall not be  
2580 admissible in any civil or administrative enforcement action brought by  
2581 the Attorney General or any state agency, nor shall it give rise to any  
2582 presumption, inference or defense in any such action.

2583 (2) The provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not apply  
2584 to any person whose artificial intelligence model has been verified by an  
2585 independent verification organization's independent verification  
2586 program if such person:

- 2587 (A) Acted in a wilful, wanton or reckless manner;
- 2588 (B) Materially misrepresented information to the independent  
2589 verification organization; or
- 2590 (C) Failed to implement any corrective action required by the  
2591 independent verification organization as part of such organization's  
2592 independent verification program.
- 2593 (f) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may suspend or  
2594 revoke an independent verification organization's approval to  
2595 participate in the pilot program if the commissioner determines, in the  
2596 commissioner's discretion, that:
- 2597 (1) Such independent verification organization's verification process  
2598 is ineffective or misleading, including, but not limited to, because such  
2599 organization has failed to verify against the metrics, target levels or  
2600 specific harms or risks within the scope of such organization's  
2601 independent verification program;
- 2602 (2) Such independent verification organization has failed to adhere to  
2603 any conditions or requirements established under this section;
- 2604 (3) Such independent verification organization is not an independent  
2605 third-party entity;
- 2606 (4) An artificial intelligence model verified by such independent  
2607 verification organization's independent verification program has  
2608 caused the type of harm or risk that such program purported to prevent,  
2609 mitigate or assess, and the occurrence of such harm or manifestation of  
2610 such risk reflects a material deficiency in such program's methodologies,  
2611 standards or verification processes; or
- 2612 (5) Continued participation by such independent verification  
2613 organization in the pilot program would not be in the public interest.
- 2614 (g) (1) Not later than December 31, 2028, the Department of  
2615 Consumer Protection shall, in consultation with the Institute for

2616 Municipal and Regional Policy at The University of Connecticut,  
2617 evaluate the pilot program and recommend legislation based on such  
2618 evaluation, including, but not limited to, legislation to modify or extend  
2619 the pilot program. The evaluation shall:

2620 (A) Be designed to assess the performance and impact of the pilot  
2621 program, including, but not limited to, the extent to which the pilot  
2622 program advanced its purposes as set forth in this section; and

2623 (B) Include, but need not be limited to, (i) a landscape analysis of  
2624 legislation, laws and executive actions of other states that similarly seek  
2625 to recognize independent third-party entities to verify the safety of  
2626 artificial intelligence, and (ii) recommended legislation to establish  
2627 reciprocity between this state and other states, where appropriate and  
2628 advantageous.

2629 (2) The Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy at The University  
2630 of Connecticut shall develop appropriate evaluation criteria and  
2631 methodologies for the evaluation performed pursuant to subdivision (1)  
2632 of this subsection, which criteria and methodologies may take into  
2633 account:

2634 (A) The structure, requirements and implementation of the pilot  
2635 program;

2636 (B) Whether the pilot program effectively met its goals, including, but  
2637 not limited to, (i) its target harm mitigation or prevention levels, (ii) the  
2638 metrics for the pilot program, and (iii) the target levels for such metrics;

2639 (C) The extent to which industry participated in the pilot program;

2640 (D) The impact of the pilot program on innovation and economic  
2641 growth;

2642 (E) The effectiveness of the verification standards for participation in  
2643 the pilot program; and

2644 (F) Whether the pilot program should be continued, expanded,

2645 modified or established as a permanent program, and, if such pilot  
2646 program should be continued or established as a permanent program,  
2647 (i) which state agency should administer such program, and (ii) what  
2648 information should be reported to such state agency to ensure that such  
2649 program is effective.

2650 (h) Not later than January 31, 2029, the Institute for Municipal and  
2651 Regional Policy at The University of Connecticut shall submit a report  
2652 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having  
2653 cognizance of matters relating to consumer protection, in accordance  
2654 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. Such report  
2655 shall include, but need not be limited to, the results of the evaluation  
2656 performed pursuant to subsection (g) of this section.

2657 Sec. 48. Section 21a-8c of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes,  
2658 as amended by section 13 of substitute house bill 5350 of the current  
2659 session, as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D", is  
2660 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
2661 *1, 2026*):

2662 (a) There shall be a State-Wide Cannabis, Hemp and Controlled  
2663 Substances Enforcement Board consisting of the Attorney General, the  
2664 Chief State's Attorney, the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, the  
2665 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, the  
2666 Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, [and] the  
2667 Commissioner of Revenue Services and the executive director of the  
2668 Social Equity Council, or their designees.

2669 (b) The board shall convene quarterly to (1) identify areas of need and  
2670 enforcement opportunities concerning illegal cannabis sales,  
2671 intoxicating hemp product sales and controlled substance sales, and (2)  
2672 examine developments in national trends and best practices concerning  
2673 cannabis, hemp and controlled substance enforcement.

2674 (c) [The quarterly meetings of the board, and all documents related  
2675 to such meetings, shall not be available to the public or subject to

2676 inspection or disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, as  
2677 defined in section 1-200.] Any portion of the quarterly meetings of the  
2678 board during which discussion of identified areas of need and  
2679 enforcement opportunities concerning illegal cannabis and controlled  
2680 substance sales occurs may be held in executive session. No records  
2681 related to such executive session shall be available to the public or  
2682 subject to inspection or disclosure under the Freedom of Information  
2683 Act, as defined in section 1-200. Nothing in this subsection shall be  
2684 construed to preclude the board from convening in executive session for  
2685 any other purpose permitted under subdivision (6) of section 1-200.

2686 Sec. 49. Subdivision (29) of section 21a-240 of the general statutes, as  
2687 amended by section 16 of substitute house bill 5350 of the current  
2688 session, as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D", is  
2689 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
2690 *1, 2026*):

2691 (29) "Cannabis" (A) means all parts of any plant or species of the  
2692 genus cannabis, or any infra specific taxon thereof, whether growing or  
2693 not; (B) includes (i) every resin extracted from any part of such plant,  
2694 including, but not limited to, every resin extracted from (I) the mature  
2695 stalks of such plant, (II) the fiber produced from the mature stalks of  
2696 such plant, or (III) the oil or cake made from the seeds of such plant, (ii)  
2697 every other compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture or  
2698 preparation of such plant or its resin, and (iii) every (I) high-THC hemp  
2699 product, (II) manufactured cannabinoid, or (III) cannabiniol or  
2700 cannabidiol and chemical compounds which are similar to cannabiniol  
2701 or cannabidiol in chemical structure or which are similar thereto in  
2702 physiological effect, which are controlled substances under this chapter,  
2703 except cannabidiol derived from hemp, as defined in section 22-61l, as  
2704 amended by [this act] substitute house bill 5350 of the current session,  
2705 as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D", and this act,  
2706 that is not a high-THC hemp product; and (C) does not include (i) the  
2707 mature stalks of such plant, (ii) the fiber produced from the mature  
2708 stalks of such plant, (iii) the oil or cake made from the seeds of such

2709 plant, (iv) any other compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture  
2710 or preparation of the mature stalks of such plant, (v) the seeds of such  
2711 plant, (vi) hemp, as defined in section 22-611, as amended by [this act]  
2712 substitute house bill 5350 of the current session, as amended by House  
2713 Amendment Schedules "A" and "D", and this act, (I) with a total THC  
2714 concentration of not more than three-tenths per cent on a dry-weight  
2715 basis, and (II) that is not a high-THC hemp product, (vii) [cannabinol,  
2716 cannabigerol, cannabichromene or any other minor cannabinoid  
2717 derived from hemp, (viii)] any substance approved by the federal Food  
2718 and Drug Administration or successor agency as a drug and reclassified  
2719 in any schedule of controlled substances or unscheduled by the federal  
2720 Drug Enforcement Administration or successor agency which is  
2721 included in the same schedule designated by the federal Drug  
2722 Enforcement Administration or successor agency, or [(ix)] (viii) any  
2723 infused beverage, as defined in section 21a-425, as amended by [this act]  
2724 substitute house bill 5350 of the current session, as amended by House  
2725 Amendment Schedules "A" and "D".

2726 Sec. 50. Section 21a-420d of the 2026 supplement to the general  
2727 statutes, as amended by section 54 of substitute house bill 5350 of the  
2728 current session, as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and  
2729 "D", is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
2730 *from passage*):

2731 (a) There is established a Social Equity Council, which shall be within  
2732 the Department of Economic and Community Development for  
2733 administrative purposes only.

2734 (b) The Social Equity Council shall consist of seventeen members as  
2735 follows:

2736 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
2737 who has a professional background of not less than five years working  
2738 in the field of either social justice or civil rights;

2739 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who

2740 has a professional background of not less than five years working in the  
2741 field of either social justice or civil rights;

2742 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
2743 Representatives, who has a professional background of not less than five  
2744 years working in the field of economic development to help minority-  
2745 owned businesses;

2746 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who has a  
2747 professional background of not less than five years in providing access  
2748 to capital to minorities, as defined in section 32-9n;

2749 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
2750 Representatives, who is from a community that has been  
2751 disproportionately harmed by cannabis prohibition and enforcement;

2752 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who has a  
2753 professional background of not less than five years in providing access  
2754 to capital to minorities, as defined in section 32-9n;

2755 (7) Two appointed by the chairperson of the Black and Puerto Rican  
2756 Caucus of the General Assembly, one of whom shall be designated by  
2757 the chairperson of the Black Caucus of the General Assembly and one of  
2758 whom shall be designated by the chairperson of the Puerto Rican and  
2759 Latino Caucus of the General Assembly;

2760 (8) Five appointed by the Governor, one who is from a community  
2761 that has been disproportionately harmed by cannabis prohibition and  
2762 enforcement, one who has a professional background of not less than  
2763 five years working in the field of economic development and one who  
2764 is an executive branch official focused on workforce development;

2765 (9) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, or the commissioner's  
2766 designee;

2767 (10) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development,  
2768 or the commissioner's designee;

- 2769 (11) The State Treasurer, or the State Treasurer's designee; and
- 2770 (12) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the  
2771 secretary's designee.
- 2772 (c) (1) In making the appointments in subsection (b) of this section,  
2773 the appointing authority shall use best efforts to make appointments  
2774 that reflect the racial, gender and geographic diversity of the population  
2775 of the state.
- 2776 (2) Members appointed by the Governor shall serve a term of four  
2777 years from the time of appointment and members appointed by any  
2778 other appointing authority shall serve a term of three years from the  
2779 time of appointment. The appointing authority shall fill any vacancy for  
2780 the unexpired term.
- 2781 (3) (A) The Governor shall appoint an interim executive director to  
2782 operationalize and support the Social Equity Council until,  
2783 notwithstanding the provisions of section 4-9a, the council appoints an  
2784 executive director. Subject to the provisions of chapter 67, and within  
2785 available appropriations, the council may thereafter appoint an  
2786 executive director and such other employees as may be necessary for the  
2787 discharge of the duties of the council.
- 2788 (B) Not later than July 1, 2024, the council shall adopt bylaws  
2789 specifying which duties are retained by the members of the council and  
2790 which duties are delegated to the executive director.
- 2791 (C) The council may, by a simple majority vote of the members of the  
2792 council, take any formal personnel action concerning the executive  
2793 director for any reason.
- 2794 (D) In addition to the council's authority under subparagraph (C) of  
2795 this subdivision, if a final review board consisting of the chairperson  
2796 and the members of the council appointed under subdivisions (1), (2),  
2797 (5) and (6) of subsection (b) of this section determines, by a simple  
2798 majority vote of the members of the final review board, that removing

2799 the executive director is in the best interest of serving the council's  
2800 mission, such final review board shall issue a letter to the council  
2801 recommending that the council remove the executive director.

2802 (4) The Governor shall appoint the chairperson of the council from  
2803 among the members of the council. The chairperson shall directly  
2804 supervise, establish annual goals for and conduct an annual  
2805 performance review of the executive director.

2806 (5) The chairperson and executive director shall jointly develop, and  
2807 the council shall review and approve, (A) allocations of moneys in the  
2808 social equity and innovation account established under section 21a-420f,  
2809 for the purposes that the council determines under subsection (a) of  
2810 section 21a-420f, further the principles of equity, and (B) any plans for  
2811 expenditures to provide (i) access to capital for businesses, (ii) technical  
2812 assistance for the start-up and operation of a business, (iii) funding for  
2813 workforce education, (iv) funding for community investments, and (v)  
2814 funding for investments in disproportionately impacted areas.

2815 (d) A majority of the members of the Social Equity Council shall  
2816 constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business. The members  
2817 of the council shall serve without compensation, but shall, within  
2818 available appropriations, be reimbursed for expenses necessarily  
2819 incurred in the performance of their duties. Any member who fails to  
2820 attend three consecutive meetings, or who fails to attend fifty per cent  
2821 of all meetings held during any calendar year, may be removed from  
2822 office by a simple majority vote of the members of the council. The  
2823 appointing authority shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term of any  
2824 member who is removed from office under this subsection, and shall  
2825 use best efforts to ensure such appointment reflects the racial, gender  
2826 and geographic diversity of the population of the state.

2827 (e) The Social Equity Council may (1) request, and shall receive, from  
2828 any state agency such information and assistance as the council may  
2829 require to carry out its duties, (2) use such funds as may be available  
2830 from federal, state or other sources to carry out its duties, (3) enter into

2831 contracts or agreements to carry out its duties, including, but not limited  
2832 to, contracts or agreements with Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated,  
2833 constituent units of the state system of higher education, regional  
2834 workforce development boards and community development financial  
2835 institutions, (4) utilize such voluntary and uncompensated services of  
2836 private individuals, state or federal agencies and organizations as may,  
2837 from time to time, be offered and needed to carry out its duties, (5)  
2838 accept any gift, donation or bequest to carry out its duties, (6) conduct  
2839 such investigations as the council may deem necessary to carry out its  
2840 duties, provided such investigations concern matters, complaints or  
2841 concerns that (A) are brought before the council by individuals who  
2842 meet the criteria established in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision  
2843 (51) of section 21a-420, as amended by [this act] substitute house bill  
2844 5350 of the current session, as amended by House Amendment  
2845 Schedules "A" and "D", and (B) relate to the protection, enforcement or  
2846 advancement of equity under this chapter, (7) hold public hearings, (8)  
2847 establish such standing committees, as necessary, to carry out its duties,  
2848 and (9) adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter  
2849 54, as the council may deem necessary to carry out its duties.

2850 (f) The Social Equity Council shall promote and encourage full  
2851 participation in the cannabis industry by persons from communities  
2852 that have been disproportionately harmed by cannabis prohibition and  
2853 enforcement.

2854 (g) Not later than forty-five days after June 22, 2021, or at a later date  
2855 determined by the Social Equity Council, the council shall establish  
2856 criteria for proposals to conduct a study under this section and the  
2857 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall post on the State  
2858 Contracting Portal a request for proposals to conduct a study, and shall  
2859 select an independent third party to conduct such study and provide  
2860 detailed findings of fact regarding the following matters in the state or  
2861 other matters determined by the council:

2862 (1) Historical and present-day social, economic and familial  
2863 consequences of cannabis prohibition, the criminalization and

2864 stigmatization of cannabis use and related public policies;

2865 (2) Historical and present-day structures, patterns, causes and  
2866 consequences of intentional and unintentional racial discrimination and  
2867 racial disparities in the development, application and enforcement of  
2868 cannabis prohibition and related public policies;

2869 (3) Foreseeable long-term social, economic and familial consequences  
2870 of unremedied past racial discrimination and disparities arising from  
2871 past and continued cannabis prohibition, stigmatization and  
2872 criminalization;

2873 (4) Existing patterns of racial discrimination and racial disparities in  
2874 access to entrepreneurship, employment and other economic benefits  
2875 arising in the lawful palliative use cannabis sector as established  
2876 pursuant to chapter 420f; and

2877 (5) Any other matters that the council deems relevant and feasible for  
2878 study for the purpose of making reasonable and practical  
2879 recommendations for the establishment of an equitable and lawful  
2880 adult-use cannabis business sector in this state.

2881 (h) Not later than January 1, 2022, the Social Equity Council shall,  
2882 taking into account the results of the study conducted in accordance  
2883 with subsection (g) of this section, make written recommendations, in  
2884 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the Governor and the  
2885 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance  
2886 of matters relating to finance, revenue and bonding, consumer  
2887 protection and the judiciary regarding legislation to implement the  
2888 provisions of this section. The council shall make recommendations  
2889 regarding:

2890 (1) Creating programs to ensure that individuals from communities  
2891 that have been disproportionately harmed by cannabis prohibition and  
2892 enforcement are provided equal access to licenses for cannabis  
2893 establishments;

- 2894 (2) Specifying additional qualifications for social equity applicants;
- 2895 (3) Providing for expedited or priority license processing for each  
2896 license as a retailer, hybrid retailer, cultivator, micro-cultivator, product  
2897 manufacturer, food and beverage manufacturer, product packager,  
2898 transporter and delivery service license for social equity applicants;
- 2899 (4) Establishing minimum criteria for any cannabis establishment  
2900 licensed on or after January 1, 2022, to comply with an approved  
2901 workforce development plan to reinvest or provide employment and  
2902 training opportunities for individuals in disproportionately impacted  
2903 areas;
- 2904 (5) Establishing criteria for a social equity plan for any cannabis  
2905 establishment licensed on or after January 1, 2022, to further the  
2906 principles of equity;
- 2907 (6) Recruiting individuals from communities that have been  
2908 disproportionately harmed by cannabis prohibition and enforcement to  
2909 enroll in the workforce training program established pursuant to section  
2910 21a-421g;
- 2911 (7) Potential uses for revenue generated under RERACA to further  
2912 equity;
- 2913 (8) Encouraging participation of investors, cannabis establishments  
2914 and entrepreneurs in the cannabis business accelerator program  
2915 established pursuant to section 21a-421f;
- 2916 (9) Establishing a process to best ensure that social equity applicants  
2917 have access to the capital and training needed to own and operate a  
2918 cannabis establishment; and
- 2919 (10) Developing a vendor list of women-owned and minority-owned  
2920 businesses that cannabis establishments may contract with for necessary  
2921 services, including, but not limited to, office supplies, information  
2922 technology infrastructure and cleaning services.

2923 (i) (1) Not later than August 1, 2021, and annually thereafter until July  
2924 31, 2023, the Social Equity Council shall use the most recent five-year  
2925 United States Census Bureau American Community Survey estimates  
2926 or any successor data to determine one or more United States census  
2927 tracts in the state that are a disproportionately impacted area and shall  
2928 publish a list of such tracts on the council's Internet web site.

2929 (2) Not later than August 1, 2023, the council shall use poverty rate  
2930 data from the most recent five-year United States Census Bureau  
2931 American Community Survey estimates, population data from the most  
2932 recent decennial census and conviction information from databases  
2933 managed by the Department of Emergency Services and Public  
2934 Protection to identify all United States census tracts in the state that are  
2935 disproportionately impacted areas and shall publish a list of such tracts  
2936 on the council's Internet web site. In identifying which census tracts in  
2937 this state are disproportionately impacted areas and preparing such list,  
2938 the council shall:

2939 (A) Not deem any census tract with a poverty rate that is less than the  
2940 state-wide poverty rate to be a disproportionately impacted area;

2941 (B) After eliminating the census tracts described in subparagraph (A)  
2942 of this subdivision, rank the remaining census tracts in order from the  
2943 census tract with the greatest historical conviction rate for drug-related  
2944 offenses to the census tract with the lowest historical conviction rate for  
2945 drug-related offenses; and

2946 (C) Include census tracts in the order of rank described in  
2947 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision until including the next census  
2948 tract would cause the total population of all included census tracts to  
2949 exceed twenty-five per cent of the state's population.

2950 (j) After developing criteria for workforce development plans as  
2951 described in subdivision (4) of subsection (h) of this section, the Social  
2952 Equity Council shall review and approve or deny in writing any such  
2953 plan submitted by an applicant for a final license. If the Social Equity

2954 Council does not approve a workforce development plan for a cannabis  
2955 establishment on or before July 1, 2025, the cannabis establishment shall  
2956 submit a workforce development plan to the council not later than  
2957 October 1, 2025, or sixty days prior to the next renewal date for such  
2958 cannabis establishment's license, whichever is earlier. Not later than  
2959 sixty days after the cannabis establishment submits the workforce  
2960 development plan to the council, the council shall send notice to the  
2961 cannabis establishment disclosing whether such workforce  
2962 development plan has been approved, rejected or requires modification.

2963 (k) (1) The Social Equity Council shall develop criteria for evaluating  
2964 the ownership and control of any equity joint venture created under  
2965 section 21a-420j, as amended by [this act] substitute house bill 5350 of  
2966 the current session, as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A"  
2967 and "D", 21a-420m, as amended by [this act] substitute house bill 5350  
2968 of the current session, as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A"  
2969 and "D", 21a-420u, as amended by [this act] substitute house bill 5350 of  
2970 the current session, as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A"  
2971 and "D", 21a-420aa, as amended by [this act] substitute house bill 5350  
2972 of the current session, as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A"  
2973 and "D", 21a-420bb, as amended by [this act] substitute house bill 5350  
2974 of the current session, as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A"  
2975 and "D", or 21a-420cc, as amended by [this act] substitute house bill 5350  
2976 of the current session, as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A"  
2977 and "D", and shall review and approve or deny in writing such equity  
2978 joint venture prior to such equity joint venture being licensed under  
2979 section 21a-420j, as amended by [this act] substitute house bill 5350 of  
2980 the current session, as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A"  
2981 and "D", 21a-420m, as amended by [this act] substitute house bill 5350  
2982 of the current session, as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A"  
2983 and "D", 21a-420u, as amended by [this act] substitute house bill 5350 of  
2984 the current session, as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A"  
2985 and "D", 21a-420aa, as amended by [this act] substitute house bill 5350  
2986 of the current session, as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A"  
2987 and "D", 21a-420bb, as amended by [this act] substitute house bill 5350

2988 of the current session, as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A"  
 2989 and "D", or 21a-420cc, as amended by [this act] substitute house bill 5350  
 2990 of the current session, as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A"  
 2991 and "D". The council shall not approve any equity joint venture  
 2992 applicant which shares with an equity joint venture any individual  
 2993 owner who meets the criteria established in subparagraphs (A) and (B)  
 2994 of subdivision (51) of section 21a-420, as amended by [this act] substitute  
 2995 house bill 5350 of the current session, as amended by House  
 2996 Amendment Schedules "A" and "D", other than an individual owner in  
 2997 their capacity as a backer licensed under section 21a-420o.

2998 (2) No contract entered into or renewed on or after the effective date  
 2999 of this section shall provide that any change may be made in the  
 3000 ownership or control of any equity joint venture created under section  
 3001 21a-420j, as amended by [this act] substitute house bill 5350 of the  
 3002 current session, as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and  
 3003 "D", 21a-420m, as amended by [this act] substitute house bill 5350 of the  
 3004 current session, as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and  
 3005 "D", 21a-420u, as amended by [this act] substitute house bill 5350 of the  
 3006 current session, as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and  
 3007 "D", 21a-420aa, as amended by [this act] substitute house bill 5350 of the  
 3008 current session, as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and  
 3009 "D", 21a-420bb, as amended by [this act] substitute house bill 5350 of the  
 3010 current session, as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and  
 3011 "D", or 21a-420cc, as amended by [this act] substitute house bill 5350 of  
 3012 the current session, as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A"  
 3013 and "D", that would cause such equity joint venture not to be controlled,  
 3014 and at least fifty per cent owned, by an individual who meets the criteria  
 3015 established in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision (51) of section  
 3016 21a-420, as amended by [this act] substitute house bill 5350 of the current  
 3017 session, as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D",  
 3018 unless:

3019 (A) At least five years have elapsed since a final license was issued to  
 3020 the equity joint venture;

3021 (B) At least ninety days before the proposed effective date of such  
3022 change, the equity joint venture (i) submits a written notice to the  
3023 council, in a form and manner prescribed by the council, disclosing that  
3024 the equity joint venture intends to make such change, and (ii) sends a  
3025 written notice to the individual who meets the criteria established in  
3026 subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision (51) of section 21a-420, as  
3027 amended by [this act] substitute house bill 5350 of the current session,  
3028 as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D", disclosing  
3029 that such individual may, not later than sixty days before the proposed  
3030 effective date of such change, submit a written request to the council, in  
3031 a form and manner prescribed by the council, that the council perform  
3032 [an optional nonfinancial] a review of such change pursuant to  
3033 subparagraph (C) of this subdivision;

3034 (C) If the council receives a written request submitted under  
3035 subparagraph (B)(ii) of this subdivision, the council, not later than  
3036 [thirty] fifteen days before the proposed effective date of such change,  
3037 (i) completes the [optional nonfinancial] review to determine (I) whether  
3038 the individual described in subparagraph (B)(ii) of this subdivision has  
3039 retained legal counsel to advise such individual regarding such change,  
3040 understands the structure and implications of such change, understands  
3041 the financial terms of such change, has engaged with such individual's  
3042 business partners, if any, to ensure that such change is appropriate and  
3043 consents to such change free of any coercion or undue pressure, and (II)  
3044 whether such change complies with the organizational documents of  
3045 the equity joint venture, and (ii) sends a written notice to the individual  
3046 described in subparagraph (B)(ii) of this subdivision and the equity joint  
3047 venture, in a form and manner prescribed by the council, disclosing the  
3048 results of such [optional nonfinancial] review; and

3049 (D) The person acquiring ownership or control of the equity joint  
3050 venture from the individual described in subparagraph (B)(ii) of this  
3051 subdivision has paid to the council, in a form and manner prescribed by  
3052 the council, (i) a nonrefundable transaction processing fee in the amount  
3053 of eight thousand dollars, which the council shall deposit in the social

3054 equity and innovation account established under section 21a-420f, and  
3055 (ii) the outstanding balance of all loans issued to the equity joint venture,  
3056 or the individual described in subparagraph (B)(ii) of this subdivision,  
3057 as part of the revolving loan program established pursuant to section  
3058 21a-421i.

3059 [(3) Nothing in subdivision (2) of this subsection shall be construed  
3060 to authorize the council to delay or reject any change described in said  
3061 subdivision due to the results of an optional nonfinancial review  
3062 performed pursuant to subparagraph (C) of said subdivision. Any  
3063 change made in violation of subdivision (2) of this subsection shall be  
3064 void and of no effect.]

3065 (3) If the council concludes at any point during or upon completion  
3066 of a review performed under subparagraph (C) of subdivision (2) of this  
3067 subsection that there was coercion or undue pressure, or that the  
3068 proposed change does not comply with the organizational documents  
3069 of the equity joint venture, the council may refer such equity joint  
3070 venture to the department for administrative enforcement action, which  
3071 may result in a fine of not more than ten million dollars or action against  
3072 the equity joint venture's license.

3073 (4) (A) No individual who meets the criteria established in  
3074 subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision (51) of section 21a-420, as  
3075 amended by substitute house bill 5350 of the current session, as  
3076 amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D", shall enter into  
3077 any agreement, including, but not limited to, any consulting agreement  
3078 or similar contractual arrangement, on or after November 1, 2026, if such  
3079 agreement:

3080 (i) Transfers or delegates any operational control of the cannabis  
3081 establishment to a person who does not meet the criteria established in  
3082 subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision (51) of section 21a-420, as  
3083 amended by substitute house bill 5350 of the current session, as  
3084 amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D";

3085 (ii) Grants any authority or ability to control, direct, determine or  
3086 materially influence, whether directly or indirectly, decisions  
3087 concerning the cannabis establishment, including, but not limited to,  
3088 decisions concerning hiring, pricing, purchasing, inventory  
3089 management or day-to-day operations, regardless of whether such  
3090 individual retains nominal approval rights;

3091 (iii) Results in such individual serving as a nominal or passive owner  
3092 of the cannabis establishment; or

3093 (iv) Impairs such individual's (I) final decision-making authority over  
3094 the management, policies and operations of the cannabis establishment,  
3095 or (II) authority to hire, terminate and supervise the cannabis  
3096 establishment's executive management and key personnel.

3097 (B) For the purposes of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, the  
3098 provision of personnel, staffing, operational systems or vendor  
3099 relationships by a person who does not meet the criteria established in  
3100 subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision (51) of section 21a-420, as  
3101 amended by substitute house bill 5350 of the current session, as  
3102 amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D", shall be  
3103 considered evidence of control if such provision results in operational  
3104 dependence by the individual who meets the criteria established in  
3105 subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision (51) of section 21a-420, as  
3106 amended by substitute house bill 5350 of the current session, as  
3107 amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D", on such person,  
3108 or such individual does not have authority to override decisions made  
3109 by such person.

3110 (C) Nothing in subparagraph (A) or (B) of this subdivision shall be  
3111 construed to prohibit an individual who meets the criteria established  
3112 in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision (51) of section 21a-420, as  
3113 amended by substitute house bill 5350 of the current session, as  
3114 amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D", from:

3115 (i) Engaging any third-party vendor or consultant to provide bona  
3116 fide advisory, technical or support services, provided such services do

3117 not confer any control described in subparagraph (A) of this  
3118 subdivision; or

3119 (ii) Delegating any operational or management functions, provided  
3120 such individual retains final decision-making authority.

3121 (5) The council shall not approve, and shall require correction of, any  
3122 equity joint venture, or any transfer, assignment, sale or acquisition of  
3123 an ownership or financial interest in a cannabis establishment, that  
3124 violates the provisions of this subsection.

3125 (6) Each cannabis establishment approved by the council shall:

3126 (A) Not later than January 15, 2027, and annually thereafter, submit  
3127 to the council, in a form and manner prescribed by the council, a signed  
3128 statement certifying that (i) no material change occurred in the  
3129 ownership, control or financing arrangements of such cannabis  
3130 establishment during the preceding calendar year, or (ii) a material  
3131 change occurred in the ownership, control or financing arrangements of  
3132 such cannabis establishment during the preceding calendar year and  
3133 setting forth the nature of such material change; and

3134 (B) Maintain records sufficient to demonstrate ongoing compliance  
3135 with the ownership and control requirements of this chapter for a period  
3136 of at least five years.

3137 (l) The Social Equity Council shall, upon receipt of funds from  
3138 producers in accordance with subdivision (5) of subsection (b) of section  
3139 21a-420l, as amended by [this act] substitute house bill 5350 of the  
3140 current session, as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and  
3141 "D", develop a program to assist social equity applicants to open not  
3142 more than two micro-cultivator establishment businesses in total.  
3143 Producers shall provide mentorship to such social equity applicants.  
3144 The council shall, with the department, determine a system to select  
3145 social equity applicants to participate in such program without  
3146 participating in a lottery or request for proposals.

3147 (m) (1) The Social Equity Council shall review and either approve or  
3148 deny, in writing, any social equity plan submitted by a cannabis

3149 establishment as part of the cannabis establishment's final license  
3150 application. The council shall approve or deny such social equity plan  
3151 not later than thirty days after such social equity plan is submitted to  
3152 the council. If the council denies any such social equity plan, the  
3153 applicant may revise and resubmit such social equity plan without  
3154 prejudice.

3155 (2) (A) Each licensed cannabis establishment shall (i) maintain an  
3156 active social equity plan at all times while such cannabis establishment  
3157 is in operation, and (ii) not later than March first, annually, submit to  
3158 the council a report disclosing the impact such social equity plan had on  
3159 the disproportionately impacted area in which such cannabis  
3160 establishment is located during the preceding calendar year.

3161 (B) The council shall review each report submitted pursuant to  
3162 subparagraph (A)(ii) of this subdivision and may, not later than sixty  
3163 days after completing such review, request that the licensed cannabis  
3164 establishment that submitted such report revise such cannabis  
3165 establishment's social equity plan to ensure that such social equity plan  
3166 furthers the principles of equity.

3167 (3) Not later than July 1, 2024, the council shall update the criteria for  
3168 social equity plans described in subdivision (5) of subsection (h) of this  
3169 section to include a specific, points-based rubric to evaluate social equity  
3170 plans.

3171 (n) The Social Equity Council shall approve the amounts, grantees  
3172 and purposes of any grants made by the council from the social equity  
3173 and innovation account or the Cannabis Social Equity and Innovation  
3174 Fund, established under section 21a-420f, and any contract executed by  
3175 and between the council and a grant maker shall require that the  
3176 amounts, grantees and purposes of any subgrants made by such grant  
3177 maker shall be approved by the council.

3178 (o) Not later than the first days of January, April, July and October  
3179 for the preceding calendar quarter, the Social Equity Council shall

3180 prepare and submit a quarterly report, in accordance with the  
3181 provisions of section 11-4a, to the Governor, the speaker of the House of  
3182 Representatives, the president pro tempore of the Senate, the majority  
3183 leader of the House of Representatives, the majority leader of the Senate,  
3184 the minority leader of the House of Representatives, the minority leader  
3185 of the Senate, the joint standing committees of the General Assembly  
3186 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and consumer  
3187 protection and the chairperson of the Black and Puerto Rican Caucus of  
3188 the General Assembly. The report shall include, but need not be limited  
3189 to:

3190 (1) The fiscal-year-to-date expenditures of the council, which  
3191 expenditures shall disclose, at a minimum: (A) All expenditures made  
3192 for personal services and the fringe benefit costs associated therewith;  
3193 (B) all expenditures made for consultants retained for the purpose of  
3194 reviewing applications for social equity applicant status; (C) all  
3195 expenditures made to provide businesses with access to capital and the  
3196 number of businesses that received access to such capital; (D) all  
3197 expenditures made to provide technical assistance for the start-up and  
3198 operation of businesses and the number of businesses that received such  
3199 assistance; (E) all expenditures made to fund workforce education, the  
3200 number of persons served by the workforce education programs  
3201 supported by such expenditures and the number of persons successfully  
3202 placed in relevant professional roles after completing such workforce  
3203 education programs; (F) all expenditures made to fund community  
3204 investment grants, the amounts, grantees and purposes of such grants  
3205 and, if any of such grants were made to a grant maker, the amounts,  
3206 grantees and purposes of any subgrants made by such grant maker; (G)  
3207 all expenditures made for promotional or branding items and which  
3208 promotional or branding items were purchased; (H) all expenditures  
3209 made for advertising or marketing campaigns; (I) all expenditures made  
3210 to advertising or marketing firms; (J) all expenditures made for  
3211 sponsorships; (K) all expenditures made for other community outreach;  
3212 (L) all expenditures made for travel; and (M) all other expenditures not  
3213 described in subparagraphs (A) to (L), inclusive, of this subdivision; and

3214 (2) The status of the council's performance of the council's  
3215 responsibilities in the licensing process under RERACA, including, but  
3216 not limited to: (A) The number of applications for social equity applicant  
3217 status, social equity plans and workforce development plans pending  
3218 before the council, categorized into the number of applications, social  
3219 equity plans and workforce development plans pending before the  
3220 council for (i) less than thirty days, (ii) at least thirty days but less than  
3221 sixty days, (iii) at least sixty days but less than ninety days, and (iv) at  
3222 least ninety days; (B) the number of applications for social equity  
3223 applicant status, social equity plans and workforce development plans  
3224 approved during the then current fiscal year, broken down by license  
3225 type; and (C) the number of applications for social equity applicant  
3226 status, social equity plans and workforce development plans denied  
3227 during the then current fiscal year, broken down by license type.

3228 (p) Not later than October 1, 2025, the council shall develop and  
3229 submit a strategic plan to the Governor and the joint standing  
3230 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
3231 relating to appropriations and consumer protection. The strategic plan  
3232 shall include a framework that outlines the council's goals, planned  
3233 actions and priorities for the three-year period beginning October 1,  
3234 2025, and ending September 30, 2028.

3235 (q) Not later than October 1, 2025, the council shall develop and adopt  
3236 an ethical code of conduct for council members and staff.

3237 (r) Not later than January 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, the  
3238 members of the council and council staff shall complete an ethics  
3239 training course focusing on disproportionately impacted areas and the  
3240 cannabis industry.

3241 (s) The council shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the  
3242 provisions of chapter 54, to implement the provisions of subsection (k)  
3243 of this section and subsection (a) of section 21a-420g, as amended by  
3244 [this act] substitute house bill 5350 of the current session, as amended  
3245 by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D". Notwithstanding the

3246 requirements of sections 4-168 to 4-172, inclusive, in order to implement  
3247 the provisions of subsection (k) of this section and subsection (a) of  
3248 section 21a-420g, as amended by [this act] substitute house bill 5350 of  
3249 the current session, as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A"  
3250 and "D", prior to adopting such regulations the council shall, not later  
3251 than October 1, 2026, issue policies and procedures to implement the  
3252 provisions of subsection (k) of this section and subsection (a) of section  
3253 21a-420g, as amended by [this act] substitute house bill 5350 of the  
3254 current session, as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and  
3255 "D", that shall have the force and effect of law. The council shall post all  
3256 policies and procedures on its Internet web site, and submit such  
3257 policies and procedures to the Secretary of the State for posting on the  
3258 eRegulations System, at least fifteen days prior to the effective date of  
3259 any policy or procedure. Any such policy or procedure shall no longer  
3260 be effective upon the earlier of either the adoption of such policy or  
3261 procedure as a final regulation under section 4-172 or October 1, 2027, if  
3262 such regulations have not been submitted to the legislative regulation  
3263 review committee for consideration under section 4-170. Any violation  
3264 of such policies and procedures or any violation of such regulations  
3265 related to any change in ownership or control may be referred by the  
3266 council to the Department of Consumer Protection for administrative  
3267 enforcement action, which may result in a fine of not more than ten  
3268 million dollars or action against the cannabis establishment's license.

3269 Sec. 51. Subsections (e) to (s), inclusive, of section 21a-420d of the 2026  
3270 supplement to the general statutes, as amended by section 54 of  
3271 substitute house bill 5350 of the current session, as amended by House  
3272 Amendment Schedules "A" and "D", and section 50 of this act, are  
3273 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
3274 *1, 2026*):

3275 (e) The Social Equity Council may (1) request, and shall receive, from  
3276 any state agency such information and assistance as the council may  
3277 require to carry out its duties, (2) use such funds as may be available  
3278 from federal, state or other sources to carry out its duties, (3) enter into

3279 contracts or agreements to carry out its duties, including, but not limited  
3280 to, contracts or agreements with Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated,  
3281 constituent units of the state system of higher education, regional  
3282 workforce development boards and community development financial  
3283 institutions, (4) utilize such voluntary and uncompensated services of  
3284 private individuals, state or federal agencies and organizations as may,  
3285 from time to time, be offered and needed to carry out its duties, (5)  
3286 accept any gift, donation or bequest to carry out its duties, (6) conduct  
3287 such investigations as the council may deem necessary to carry out its  
3288 duties, provided such investigations concern matters, complaints or  
3289 concerns that (A) are brought before the council by individuals who  
3290 meet the criteria established in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision  
3291 [(51)] (54) of section 21a-420, as amended by substitute house bill 5350  
3292 of the current session, as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A"  
3293 and "D", and (B) relate to the protection, enforcement or advancement  
3294 of equity under this chapter, (7) hold public hearings, (8) establish such  
3295 standing committees, as necessary, to carry out its duties, and (9) adopt  
3296 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, as the  
3297 council may deem necessary to carry out its duties.

3298 (f) The Social Equity Council shall promote and encourage full  
3299 participation in the cannabis industry by persons from communities  
3300 that have been disproportionately harmed by cannabis prohibition and  
3301 enforcement.

3302 (g) Not later than forty-five days after June 22, 2021, or at a later date  
3303 determined by the Social Equity Council, the council shall establish  
3304 criteria for proposals to conduct a study under this section and the  
3305 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall post on the State  
3306 Contracting Portal a request for proposals to conduct a study, and shall  
3307 select an independent third party to conduct such study and provide  
3308 detailed findings of fact regarding the following matters in the state or  
3309 other matters determined by the council:

3310 (1) Historical and present-day social, economic and familial  
3311 consequences of cannabis prohibition, the criminalization and

3312 stigmatization of cannabis use and related public policies;

3313 (2) Historical and present-day structures, patterns, causes and  
3314 consequences of intentional and unintentional racial discrimination and  
3315 racial disparities in the development, application and enforcement of  
3316 cannabis prohibition and related public policies;

3317 (3) Foreseeable long-term social, economic and familial consequences  
3318 of unremedied past racial discrimination and disparities arising from  
3319 past and continued cannabis prohibition, stigmatization and  
3320 criminalization;

3321 (4) Existing patterns of racial discrimination and racial disparities in  
3322 access to entrepreneurship, employment and other economic benefits  
3323 arising in the lawful palliative use cannabis sector as established  
3324 pursuant to chapter 420f; and

3325 (5) Any other matters that the council deems relevant and feasible for  
3326 study for the purpose of making reasonable and practical  
3327 recommendations for the establishment of an equitable and lawful  
3328 adult-use cannabis business sector in this state.

3329 (h) Not later than January 1, 2022, the Social Equity Council shall,  
3330 taking into account the results of the study conducted in accordance  
3331 with subsection (g) of this section, make written recommendations, in  
3332 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the Governor and the  
3333 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance  
3334 of matters relating to finance, revenue and bonding, consumer  
3335 protection and the judiciary regarding legislation to implement the  
3336 provisions of this section. The council shall make recommendations  
3337 regarding:

3338 (1) Creating programs to ensure that individuals from communities  
3339 that have been disproportionately harmed by cannabis prohibition and  
3340 enforcement are provided equal access to licenses for cannabis  
3341 establishments;

- 3342 (2) Specifying additional qualifications for social equity applicants;
- 3343 (3) Providing for expedited or priority license processing for each  
3344 license as a retailer, hybrid retailer, cultivator, micro-cultivator, product  
3345 manufacturer, food and beverage manufacturer, product packager,  
3346 transporter and delivery service license for social equity applicants;
- 3347 (4) Establishing minimum criteria for any cannabis establishment  
3348 licensed on or after January 1, 2022, to comply with an approved  
3349 workforce development plan to reinvest or provide employment and  
3350 training opportunities for individuals in disproportionately impacted  
3351 areas;
- 3352 (5) Establishing criteria for a social equity plan for any cannabis  
3353 establishment licensed on or after January 1, 2022, to further the  
3354 principles of equity;
- 3355 (6) Recruiting individuals from communities that have been  
3356 disproportionately harmed by cannabis prohibition and enforcement to  
3357 enroll in the workforce training program established pursuant to section  
3358 21a-421g;
- 3359 (7) Potential uses for revenue generated under RERACA to further  
3360 equity;
- 3361 (8) Encouraging participation of investors, cannabis establishments  
3362 and entrepreneurs in the cannabis business accelerator program  
3363 established pursuant to section 21a-421f;
- 3364 (9) Establishing a process to best ensure that social equity applicants  
3365 have access to the capital and training needed to own and operate a  
3366 cannabis establishment; and
- 3367 (10) Developing a vendor list of women-owned and minority-owned  
3368 businesses that cannabis establishments may contract with for necessary  
3369 services, including, but not limited to, office supplies, information  
3370 technology infrastructure and cleaning services.

3371 (i) (1) Not later than August 1, 2021, and annually thereafter until July  
3372 31, 2023, the Social Equity Council shall use the most recent five-year  
3373 United States Census Bureau American Community Survey estimates  
3374 or any successor data to determine one or more United States census  
3375 tracts in the state that are a disproportionately impacted area and shall  
3376 publish a list of such tracts on the council's Internet web site.

3377 (2) Not later than August 1, 2023, the council shall use poverty rate  
3378 data from the most recent five-year United States Census Bureau  
3379 American Community Survey estimates, population data from the most  
3380 recent decennial census and conviction information from databases  
3381 managed by the Department of Emergency Services and Public  
3382 Protection to identify all United States census tracts in the state that are  
3383 disproportionately impacted areas and shall publish a list of such tracts  
3384 on the council's Internet web site. In identifying which census tracts in  
3385 this state are disproportionately impacted areas and preparing such list,  
3386 the council shall:

3387 (A) Not deem any census tract with a poverty rate that is less than the  
3388 state-wide poverty rate to be a disproportionately impacted area;

3389 (B) After eliminating the census tracts described in subparagraph (A)  
3390 of this subdivision, rank the remaining census tracts in order from the  
3391 census tract with the greatest historical conviction rate for drug-related  
3392 offenses to the census tract with the lowest historical conviction rate for  
3393 drug-related offenses; and

3394 (C) Include census tracts in the order of rank described in  
3395 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision until including the next census  
3396 tract would cause the total population of all included census tracts to  
3397 exceed twenty-five per cent of the state's population.

3398 (j) After developing criteria for workforce development plans as  
3399 described in subdivision (4) of subsection (h) of this section, the Social  
3400 Equity Council shall review and approve or deny in writing any such  
3401 plan submitted by an applicant for a final license. If the Social Equity

3402 Council does not approve a workforce development plan for a cannabis  
3403 establishment on or before July 1, 2025, the cannabis establishment shall  
3404 submit a workforce development plan to the council not later than  
3405 October 1, 2025, or sixty days prior to the next renewal date for such  
3406 cannabis establishment's license, whichever is earlier. Not later than  
3407 sixty days after the cannabis establishment submits the workforce  
3408 development plan to the council, the council shall send notice to the  
3409 cannabis establishment disclosing whether such workforce  
3410 development plan has been approved, rejected or requires modification.

3411 (k) (1) The Social Equity Council shall develop criteria for evaluating  
3412 the ownership and control of any equity joint venture created under  
3413 section 21a-420j, as amended by substitute house bill 5350 of the current  
3414 session, as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D", 21a-  
3415 420m, as amended by substitute house bill 5350 of the current session,  
3416 as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D", 21a-420u, as  
3417 amended by substitute house bill 5350 of the current session, as  
3418 amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D", 21a-420aa, as  
3419 amended by substitute house bill 5350 of the current session, as  
3420 amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D", 21a-420bb, as  
3421 amended by substitute house bill 5350 of the current session, as  
3422 amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D", or 21a-420cc,  
3423 as amended by substitute house bill 5350 of the current session, as  
3424 amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D", and shall  
3425 review and approve or deny in writing such equity joint venture prior  
3426 to such equity joint venture being licensed under section 21a-420j, as  
3427 amended by substitute house bill 5350 of the current session, as  
3428 amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D", 21a-420m, as  
3429 amended by substitute house bill 5350 of the current session, as  
3430 amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D", 21a-420u, as  
3431 amended by substitute house bill 5350 of the current session, as  
3432 amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D", 21a-420aa, as  
3433 amended by substitute house bill 5350 of the current session, as  
3434 amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D", 21a-420bb, as  
3435 amended by substitute house bill 5350 of the current session, as

3436 amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D", or 21a-420cc,  
3437 as amended by substitute house bill 5350 of the current session, as  
3438 amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D". The council  
3439 shall not approve any equity joint venture applicant which shares with  
3440 an equity joint venture any individual owner who meets the criteria  
3441 established in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision [(51)] (54) of  
3442 section 21a-420, as amended by substitute house bill 5350 of the current  
3443 session, as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D",  
3444 other than an individual owner in their capacity as a backer licensed  
3445 under section 21a-420o.

3446 (2) No contract entered into or renewed on or after the effective date  
3447 of this section shall provide that any change may be made in the  
3448 ownership or control of any equity joint venture created under section  
3449 21a-420j, as amended by substitute house bill 5350 of the current session,  
3450 as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D", 21a-420m,  
3451 as amended by substitute house bill 5350 of the current session, as  
3452 amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D", 21a-420u, as  
3453 amended by substitute house bill 5350 of the current session, as  
3454 amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D", 21a-420aa, as  
3455 amended by substitute house bill 5350 of the current session, as  
3456 amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D", 21a-420bb, as  
3457 amended by substitute house bill 5350 of the current session, as  
3458 amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D", or 21a-420cc,  
3459 as amended by substitute house bill 5350 of the current session, as  
3460 amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D", that would  
3461 cause such equity joint venture not to be controlled, and at least fifty per  
3462 cent owned, by an individual who meets the criteria established in  
3463 subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision [(51)] (54) of section 21a-420,  
3464 as amended by substitute house bill 5350 of the current session, as  
3465 amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D", unless:

3466 (A) At least five years have elapsed since a final license was issued to  
3467 the equity joint venture;

3468 (B) At least ninety days before the proposed effective date of such

3469 change, the equity joint venture (i) submits a written notice to the  
3470 council, in a form and manner prescribed by the council, disclosing that  
3471 the equity joint venture intends to make such change, and (ii) sends a  
3472 written notice to the individual who meets the criteria established in  
3473 subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision [(51)] (54) of section 21a-420,  
3474 as amended by substitute house bill 5350 of the current session, as  
3475 amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D", disclosing that  
3476 such individual may, not later than sixty days before the proposed  
3477 effective date of such change, submit a written request to the council, in  
3478 a form and manner prescribed by the council, that the council perform  
3479 a review of such change pursuant to subparagraph (C) of this  
3480 subdivision;

3481 (C) If the council receives a written request submitted under  
3482 subparagraph (B)(ii) of this subdivision, the council, not later than  
3483 fifteen days before the proposed effective date of such change, (i)  
3484 completes the review to determine (I) whether the individual described  
3485 in subparagraph (B)(ii) of this subdivision has retained legal counsel to  
3486 advise such individual regarding such change, understands the  
3487 structure and implications of such change, understands the financial  
3488 terms of such change, has engaged with such individual's business  
3489 partners, if any, to ensure that such change is appropriate and consents  
3490 to such change free of any coercion or undue pressure, and (II) whether  
3491 such change complies with the organizational documents of the equity  
3492 joint venture, and (ii) sends a written notice to the individual described  
3493 in subparagraph (B)(ii) of this subdivision and the equity joint venture,  
3494 in a form and manner prescribed by the council, disclosing the results  
3495 of such review; and

3496 (D) The person acquiring ownership or control of the equity joint  
3497 venture from the individual described in subparagraph (B)(ii) of this  
3498 subdivision has paid to the council, in a form and manner prescribed by  
3499 the council, (i) a nonrefundable transaction processing fee in the amount  
3500 of eight thousand dollars, which the council shall deposit in the social  
3501 equity and innovation account established under section 21a-420f, and

3502 (ii) the outstanding balance of all loans issued to the equity joint venture,  
3503 or the individual described in subparagraph (B)(ii) of this subdivision,  
3504 as part of the revolving loan program established pursuant to section  
3505 21a-421i.

3506 (3) If the council concludes at any point during or upon completion  
3507 of a review performed under subparagraph (C) of subdivision (2) of this  
3508 subsection that there was coercion or undue pressure, or that the  
3509 proposed change does not comply with the organizational documents  
3510 of the equity joint venture, the council may refer such equity joint  
3511 venture to the department for administrative enforcement action, which  
3512 may result in a fine of not more than ten million dollars or action against  
3513 the equity joint venture's license.

3514 (4) (A) No individual who meets the criteria established in  
3515 subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision [(51)] (54) of section 21a-420,  
3516 as amended by substitute house bill 5350 of the current session, as  
3517 amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D", shall enter into  
3518 any agreement, including, but not limited to, any consulting agreement  
3519 or similar contractual arrangement, on or after November 1, 2026, if such  
3520 agreement:

3521 (i) Transfers or delegates any operational control of the cannabis  
3522 establishment to a person who does not meet the criteria established in  
3523 subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision [(51)] (54) of section 21a-420,  
3524 as amended by substitute house bill 5350 of the current session, as  
3525 amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D";

3526 (ii) Grants any authority or ability to control, direct, determine or  
3527 materially influence, whether directly or indirectly, decisions  
3528 concerning the cannabis establishment, including, but not limited to,  
3529 decisions concerning hiring, pricing, purchasing, inventory  
3530 management or day-to-day operations, regardless of whether such  
3531 individual retains nominal approval rights;

3532 (iii) Results in such individual serving as a nominal or passive owner  
3533 of the cannabis establishment; or

3534 (iv) Impairs such individual's (I) final decision-making authority over  
3535 the management, policies and operations of the cannabis establishment,  
3536 or (II) authority to hire, terminate and supervise the cannabis  
3537 establishment's executive management and key personnel.

3538 (B) For the purposes of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, the  
3539 provision of personnel, staffing, operational systems or vendor  
3540 relationships by a person who does not meet the criteria established in  
3541 subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision [(51)] (54) of section 21a-420,  
3542 as amended by substitute house bill 5350 of the current session, as  
3543 amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D", shall be  
3544 considered evidence of control if such provision results in operational  
3545 dependence by the individual who meets the criteria established in  
3546 subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision [(51)] (54) of section 21a-420,  
3547 as amended by substitute house bill 5350 of the current session, as  
3548 amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D", on such person,  
3549 or such individual does not have authority to override decisions made  
3550 by such person.

3551 (C) Nothing in subparagraph (A) or (B) of this subdivision shall be  
3552 construed to prohibit an individual who meets the criteria established  
3553 in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision [(51)] (54) of section 21a-  
3554 420, as amended by substitute house bill 5350 of the current session, as  
3555 amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D", from:

3556 (i) Engaging any third-party vendor or consultant to provide bona  
3557 fide advisory, technical or support services, provided such services do  
3558 not confer any control described in subparagraph (A) of this  
3559 subdivision; or

3560 (ii) Delegating any operational or management functions, provided  
3561 such individual retains final decision-making authority.

3562 (5) The council shall not approve, and shall require correction of, any  
3563 equity joint venture, or any transfer, assignment, sale or acquisition of  
3564 an ownership or financial interest in a cannabis establishment, that  
3565 violates the provisions of this subsection.

3566 (6) Each cannabis establishment approved by the council shall:

3567 (A) Not later than January 15, 2027, and annually thereafter, submit  
3568 to the council, in a form and manner prescribed by the council, a signed  
3569 statement certifying that (i) no material change occurred in the  
3570 ownership, control or financing arrangements of such cannabis  
3571 establishment during the preceding calendar year, or (ii) a material  
3572 change occurred in the ownership, control or financing arrangements of  
3573 such cannabis establishment during the preceding calendar year and  
3574 setting forth the nature of such material change; and

3575 (B) Maintain records sufficient to demonstrate ongoing compliance  
3576 with the ownership and control requirements of this chapter for a period  
3577 of at least five years.

3578 (l) The Social Equity Council shall, upon receipt of funds from  
3579 producers in accordance with subdivision (5) of subsection (b) of section  
3580 21a-420l, as amended by substitute house bill 5350 of the current session,  
3581 as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D", develop a  
3582 program to assist social equity applicants to open not more than two  
3583 micro-cultivator establishment businesses in total. Producers shall  
3584 provide mentorship to such social equity applicants. The council shall,  
3585 with the department, determine a system to select social equity  
3586 applicants to participate in such program without participating in a  
3587 lottery or request for proposals.

3588 (m) (1) The Social Equity Council shall review and either approve or  
3589 deny, in writing, any social equity plan submitted by a cannabis  
3590 establishment as part of the cannabis establishment's final license  
3591 application. The council shall approve or deny such social equity plan  
3592 not later than thirty days after such social equity plan is submitted to  
3593 the council. If the council denies any such social equity plan, the  
3594 applicant may revise and resubmit such social equity plan without  
3595 prejudice.

3596 (2) (A) Each licensed cannabis establishment shall (i) maintain an  
3597 active social equity plan at all times while such cannabis establishment  
3598 is in operation, and (ii) not later than March first, annually, submit to  
3599 the council a report disclosing the impact such social equity plan had on

3600 the disproportionately impacted area in which such cannabis  
3601 establishment is located during the preceding calendar year.

3602 (B) The council shall review each report submitted pursuant to  
3603 subparagraph (A)(ii) of this subdivision and may, not later than sixty  
3604 days after completing such review, request that the licensed cannabis  
3605 establishment that submitted such report revise such cannabis  
3606 establishment's social equity plan to ensure that such social equity plan  
3607 furthers the principles of equity.

3608 (3) Not later than July 1, 2024, the council shall update the criteria for  
3609 social equity plans described in subdivision (5) of subsection (h) of this  
3610 section to include a specific, points-based rubric to evaluate social equity  
3611 plans.

3612 (n) The Social Equity Council shall approve the amounts, grantees  
3613 and purposes of any grants made by the council from the social equity  
3614 and innovation account or the Cannabis Social Equity and Innovation  
3615 Fund, established under section 21a-420f, and any contract executed by  
3616 and between the council and a grant maker shall require that the  
3617 amounts, grantees and purposes of any subgrants made by such grant  
3618 maker shall be approved by the council.

3619 (o) Not later than the first days of January, April, July and October  
3620 for the preceding calendar quarter, the Social Equity Council shall  
3621 prepare and submit a quarterly report, in accordance with the  
3622 provisions of section 11-4a, to the Governor, the speaker of the House of  
3623 Representatives, the president pro tempore of the Senate, the majority  
3624 leader of the House of Representatives, the majority leader of the Senate,  
3625 the minority leader of the House of Representatives, the minority leader  
3626 of the Senate, the joint standing committees of the General Assembly  
3627 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and consumer  
3628 protection and the chairperson of the Black and Puerto Rican Caucus of  
3629 the General Assembly. The report shall include, but need not be limited  
3630 to:

3631 (1) The fiscal-year-to-date expenditures of the council, which  
3632 expenditures shall disclose, at a minimum: (A) All expenditures made  
3633 for personal services and the fringe benefit costs associated therewith;  
3634 (B) all expenditures made for consultants retained for the purpose of  
3635 reviewing applications for social equity applicant status; (C) all  
3636 expenditures made to provide businesses with access to capital and the  
3637 number of businesses that received access to such capital; (D) all  
3638 expenditures made to provide technical assistance for the start-up and  
3639 operation of businesses and the number of businesses that received such  
3640 assistance; (E) all expenditures made to fund workforce education, the  
3641 number of persons served by the workforce education programs  
3642 supported by such expenditures and the number of persons successfully  
3643 placed in relevant professional roles after completing such workforce  
3644 education programs; (F) all expenditures made to fund community  
3645 investment grants, the amounts, grantees and purposes of such grants  
3646 and, if any of such grants were made to a grant maker, the amounts,  
3647 grantees and purposes of any subgrants made by such grant maker; (G)  
3648 all expenditures made for promotional or branding items and which  
3649 promotional or branding items were purchased; (H) all expenditures  
3650 made for advertising or marketing campaigns; (I) all expenditures made  
3651 to advertising or marketing firms; (J) all expenditures made for  
3652 sponsorships; (K) all expenditures made for other community outreach;  
3653 (L) all expenditures made for travel; and (M) all other expenditures not  
3654 described in subparagraphs (A) to (L), inclusive, of this subdivision; and

3655 (2) The status of the council's performance of the council's  
3656 responsibilities in the licensing process under RERACA, including, but  
3657 not limited to: (A) The number of applications for social equity applicant  
3658 status, social equity plans and workforce development plans pending  
3659 before the council, categorized into the number of applications, social  
3660 equity plans and workforce development plans pending before the  
3661 council for (i) less than thirty days, (ii) at least thirty days but less than  
3662 sixty days, (iii) at least sixty days but less than ninety days, and (iv) at  
3663 least ninety days; (B) the number of applications for social equity  
3664 applicant status, social equity plans and workforce development plans

3665 approved during the then current fiscal year, broken down by license  
3666 type; and (C) the number of applications for social equity applicant  
3667 status, social equity plans and workforce development plans denied  
3668 during the then current fiscal year, broken down by license type.

3669 (p) Not later than October 1, 2025, the council shall develop and  
3670 submit a strategic plan to the Governor and the joint standing  
3671 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
3672 relating to appropriations and consumer protection. The strategic plan  
3673 shall include a framework that outlines the council's goals, planned  
3674 actions and priorities for the three-year period beginning October 1,  
3675 2025, and ending September 30, 2028.

3676 (q) Not later than October 1, 2025, the council shall develop and adopt  
3677 an ethical code of conduct for council members and staff.

3678 (r) Not later than January 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, the  
3679 members of the council and council staff shall complete an ethics  
3680 training course focusing on disproportionately impacted areas and the  
3681 cannabis industry.

3682 (s) The council shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the  
3683 provisions of chapter 54, to implement the provisions of subsection (k)  
3684 of this section and subsection (a) of section 21a-420g, as amended by  
3685 substitute house bill 5350 of the current session, as amended by House  
3686 Amendment Schedules "A" and "D". Notwithstanding the requirements  
3687 of sections 4-168 to 4-172, inclusive, in order to implement the  
3688 provisions of subsection (k) of this section and subsection (a) of section  
3689 21a-420g, as amended by substitute house bill 5350 of the current  
3690 session, as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D",  
3691 prior to adopting such regulations the council shall, not later than  
3692 October 1, 2026, issue policies and procedures to implement the  
3693 provisions of subsection (k) of this section and subsection (a) of section  
3694 21a-420g, as amended by substitute house bill 5350 of the current  
3695 session, as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D", that  
3696 shall have the force and effect of law. The council shall post all policies

3697 and procedures on its Internet web site, and submit such policies and  
3698 procedures to the Secretary of the State for posting on the eRegulations  
3699 System, at least fifteen days prior to the effective date of any policy or  
3700 procedure. Any such policy or procedure shall no longer be effective  
3701 upon the earlier of either the adoption of such policy or procedure as a  
3702 final regulation under section 4-172 or October 1, 2027, if such  
3703 regulations have not been submitted to the legislative regulation review  
3704 committee for consideration under section 4-170. Any violation of such  
3705 policies and procedures or any violation of such regulations related to  
3706 any change in ownership or control may be referred by the council to  
3707 the Department of Consumer Protection for administrative enforcement  
3708 action, which may result in a fine of not more than ten million dollars or  
3709 action against the cannabis establishment's license.

3710 Sec. 52. Subsection (a) of section 21a-420g of the 2026 supplement to  
3711 the general statutes, as amended by section 56 of substitute house bill  
3712 5350 of the current session, as amended by House Amendment  
3713 Schedules "A" and "D", is repealed and the following is substituted in  
3714 lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3715 (a) The Social Equity Council shall review the ownership information  
3716 and any other information necessary to confirm that an applicant  
3717 qualifies as a social equity applicant for all cannabis establishment  
3718 license type applications submitted to the department and designated  
3719 by the applicant as a social equity applicant. The Social Equity Council  
3720 shall prescribe the documentation necessary for applicants to submit to  
3721 establish that the ownership, residency and income requirements for  
3722 social equity applicants are met. On or before September 1, 2021, the  
3723 Social Equity Council shall post such necessary documentation  
3724 requirements on its Internet web site to inform applicants of such  
3725 requirements prior to the start of the application period. Except as  
3726 provided in the regulations adopted by the council pursuant to section  
3727 21a-420d, as amended by substitute house bill 5350 of the current  
3728 session, as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D", and  
3729 this act, or 21a-420h, as amended by [this act] substitute house bill 5350

3730 of the current session, as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A"  
3731 and "D", as applicable, no change shall be made, without prior approval  
3732 from the council, in the ownership or control of (1) a social equity  
3733 applicant that has been approved by the council during the period of  
3734 provisional licensure and for three years following issuance of a final  
3735 license, or (2) an equity joint venture during the period of provisional  
3736 licensure and for seven years following issuance of a final license.

3737 Sec. 53. Subsection (c) of section 21a-420t of the 2026 supplement to  
3738 the general statutes, as amended by section 69 of substitute house bill  
3739 5350 of the current session, as amended by House Amendment  
3740 Schedules "A" and "D", is repealed and the following is substituted in  
3741 lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

3742 (c) Dispensary facilities, [and] hybrid retailers and cannabis testing  
3743 laboratories shall perform real-time uploads to the prescription drug  
3744 monitoring program. Any cannabis or medical cannabis products sold  
3745 to qualifying patients, qualifying out-of-state patients, caregivers or  
3746 qualifying out-of-state caregivers shall be [dispensed by a licensed  
3747 pharmacist and shall be] recorded into the prescription drug monitoring  
3748 program, established pursuant to section 21a-254, in real-time or  
3749 immediately upon completion of the transaction, unless not reasonably  
3750 feasible for a specific transaction, but in no case longer than one hour  
3751 after completion of the transaction.

3752 Sec. 54. Section 21a-421j of the 2026 supplement to the general  
3753 statutes, as amended by section 78 of substitute house bill 5350 of the  
3754 current session, as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and  
3755 "D", is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3756 *October 1, 2026*):

3757 (a) As used in this section: [, "total THC"]

3758 (1) "Other cannabis plant material" (A) means cannabis trim and all  
3759 parts of any plant or species of the genus cannabis, or any infra specific  
3760 taxon thereof, excluding a growing plant, and the seeds thereof, and (B)

3761 does not include (i) cannabis flower or hemp, as defined in section 22-  
3762 61l, as amended by this act, or (ii) an uprooted clone or uprooted cutting  
3763 of the cannabis plant; and

3764 (2) "Total THC" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-240,  
3765 as amended by this act.

3766 (b) The commissioner shall adopt regulations in accordance with  
3767 chapter 54 to implement the provisions of RERACA. Notwithstanding  
3768 the requirements of sections 4-168 to 4-172, inclusive, in order to  
3769 effectuate the purposes of RERACA and protect public health and  
3770 safety, prior to adopting such regulations the commissioner shall issue  
3771 policies and procedures to implement the provisions of RERACA that  
3772 shall have the force and effect of law. The commissioner shall post all  
3773 policies and procedures on the department's Internet web site and  
3774 submit such policies and procedures to the joint standing committee of  
3775 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
3776 consumer protection and the Secretary of the State for posting on the  
3777 eRegulations System, at least fifteen days prior to the effective date of  
3778 any policy or procedure. The commissioner shall also provide such  
3779 policies and procedures, in a manner prescribed by the commissioner,  
3780 to each licensee. Any such policy or procedure shall no longer be  
3781 effective upon the earlier of either the adoption of the policy or  
3782 procedure as a final regulation under section 4-172 or July 1, 2028. The  
3783 commissioner shall issue policies and procedures and thereafter final  
3784 regulations that include, but are not limited to, the following:

3785 (1) Setting appropriate dosage, potency, concentration and serving  
3786 size limits and delineation requirements for cannabis, provided (A) a  
3787 standardized serving of an edible cannabis product or beverage, other  
3788 than a medical [marijuana] cannabis product, shall contain not more  
3789 than five milligrams of THC, with an allowable variance for cannabis  
3790 testing laboratory method uncertainty of up to plus or minus ten per  
3791 cent of the reported value for THC, and (B) there shall be no dosage,  
3792 potency or concentration limit for (i) cannabis concentrates, or (ii) other  
3793 cannabis plant material.

3794 (2) Requiring that each single standardized serving of cannabis  
3795 product in a multiple-serving edible product or beverage is physically  
3796 demarked in a way that enables a reasonable person to determine how  
3797 much of the product constitutes a single serving and a maximum  
3798 amount of THC per multiple-serving edible cannabis product or  
3799 beverage.

3800 (3) Requiring that, if it is impracticable to clearly demark every  
3801 standardized serving of cannabis product or to make each standardized  
3802 serving easily separable in an edible cannabis product or beverage, the  
3803 product, other than cannabis concentrate, [or medical marijuana] other  
3804 cannabis plant material or a medical cannabis product, shall contain not  
3805 more than five milligrams of THC per unit of sale, with an allowable  
3806 variance for cannabis testing laboratory method uncertainty of up to  
3807 plus or minus ten per cent of the reported value for THC.

3808 (4) Establishing, in consultation with the Department of Mental  
3809 Health and Addiction Services, consumer health materials that shall be  
3810 posted or distributed, as specified by the commissioner, by cannabis  
3811 establishments to maximize dissemination to cannabis consumers.  
3812 Consumer health materials may include pamphlets, packaging inserts,  
3813 signage, online and printed advertisements and advisories and printed  
3814 health materials.

3815 (5) Imposing labeling and packaging requirements for cannabis sold  
3816 by a cannabis establishment that include, but are not limited to, the  
3817 following:

3818 (A) Inclusion of universal symbols to indicate that cannabis, or a  
3819 cannabis product, contains THC and is not legal or safe for individuals  
3820 younger than twenty-one years of age, and prescribe how such product  
3821 and product packaging shall utilize and exhibit such symbols.

3822 (B) A disclosure concerning the length of time it typically takes for  
3823 the cannabis to affect an individual, including that certain forms of  
3824 cannabis take longer to have an effect.

3825 (C) A notation of the amount of cannabis the cannabis product is  
3826 considered the equivalent to.

3827 (D) A list of ingredients and additives for cannabis.

3828 (E) Except as provided in subdivision (3) of subsection (f) of section  
3829 21a-420p, as amended by [this act] substitute house bill 5350 of the  
3830 current session, as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and  
3831 "D", child-resistant, tamper-resistant and light-resistant packaging. For  
3832 the purposes of this subparagraph, packaging shall be deemed to be (i)  
3833 child-resistant if the packaging satisfies the standard for special  
3834 packaging established in 16 CFR 1700.1(b)(4), as amended from time to  
3835 time, (ii) tamper-resistant if the packaging has at least one barrier to, or  
3836 indicator of, entry that would preclude the contents of such packaging  
3837 from being accessed or adulterated without indicating to a reasonable  
3838 person that such packaging has been breached, and (iii) light-resistant if  
3839 the packaging is entirely and uniformly opaque and protects the entirety  
3840 of the contents of such packaging from the effects of light.

3841 (F) Except as provided in subdivision (3) of subsection (f) of section  
3842 21a-420p, as amended by [this act] substitute house bill 5350 of the  
3843 current session, as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and  
3844 "D", (i) packaging for cannabis intended for multiple servings to be  
3845 resealable in such a manner so as to render such packaging continuously  
3846 child-resistant, as described in subparagraph (E)(i) of this subdivision,  
3847 and preserve the integrity of the contents of such packaging, and (ii) if  
3848 packaging for cannabis intended for multiple servings contains any  
3849 edible cannabis product, for each single standardized serving to be  
3850 easily discernible and (I) individually wrapped, or (II) physically  
3851 demarked and delineated as required under this subsection.

3852 (G) Impervious packaging that protects the contents of such  
3853 packaging from contamination and exposure to any toxic or harmful  
3854 substance, including, but not limited to, any glue or other adhesive or  
3855 substance that is incorporated in such packaging.

3856 (H) Product tracking information sufficient to determine where and  
3857 when the cannabis was grown and manufactured such that a product  
3858 recall could be effectuated.

3859 (I) A net weight statement.

3860 (J) A recommended use by or expiration date.

3861 (K) Standard and uniform packaging and labeling, including, but not  
3862 limited to, requirements (i) regarding branding or logos, (ii) that all  
3863 packaging be opaque, and (iii) that amounts and concentrations of THC  
3864 and cannabidiol, per serving and per package, be clearly marked on the  
3865 packaging or label of any cannabis product sold.

3866 (L) For any cannabis concentrate cannabis product or other cannabis  
3867 plant material that contains a total THC percentage greater than thirty  
3868 per cent, a warning that such cannabis product or other cannabis plant  
3869 material is a high-potency product and may increase the risk of  
3870 psychosis.

3871 (M) Chemotypes, which shall be displayed as (i) "High THC, Low  
3872 CBD" where the ratio of THC to CBD is greater than five to one and the  
3873 total THC percentage is at least fifteen per cent, (ii) "Moderate THC,  
3874 Moderate CBD" where the ratio of THC to CBD is at least one to five but  
3875 not greater than five to one and the total THC percentage is greater than  
3876 five per cent but less than fifteen per cent, (iii) "Low THC, High CBD"  
3877 where the ratio of THC to CBD is less than one to five and the total THC  
3878 percentage is not greater than five per cent, or (iv) the chemotype  
3879 described in clause (i), (ii) or (iii) of this subparagraph that most closely  
3880 fits the cannabis or cannabis product, as determined by mathematical  
3881 analysis of the ratio of THC to CBD, where such cannabis or cannabis  
3882 product does not fit a chemotype described in clause (i), (ii) or (iii) of  
3883 this subparagraph.

3884 (N) A requirement that, prior to being sold and transferred to a  
3885 consumer, qualifying patient, [or] qualifying out-of-state patient,  
3886 caregiver or qualifying out-of-state caregiver, cannabis packaging be

3887 clearly labeled, whether printed directly on such packaging or affixed  
3888 by way of a separate label, other than an extended content label, with:

3889 (i) A unique identifier generated by a cannabis analytic tracking  
3890 system maintained by the department and used to track cannabis under  
3891 the policies and procedures issued, and final regulations adopted, by  
3892 the commissioner pursuant to this section; and

3893 (ii) The following information concerning the cannabis contained in  
3894 such packaging, which shall be in legible English, black lettering, Times  
3895 New Roman font, flat regular typeface, on a contrasting background  
3896 and in uniform size of not less than one-tenth of one inch, based on a  
3897 capital letter "K", which information shall also be available on the  
3898 Internet web site of the cannabis establishment that sells and transfers  
3899 such cannabis:

3900 (I) The name of such cannabis, as registered with the department  
3901 under the policies and procedures issued, and final regulations adopted,  
3902 by the commissioner pursuant to this section.

3903 (II) The expiration date, which shall not account for any refrigeration  
3904 after such cannabis is sold and transferred to the consumer, qualifying  
3905 patient, [or] qualifying out-of-state patient, caregiver or qualifying out-  
3906 of-state caregiver.

3907 (III) The net weight or volume, expressed in metric and imperial  
3908 units.

3909 (IV) The standardized serving size, expressed in customary units, and  
3910 the number of servings included in such packaging, if applicable.

3911 (V) Directions for use and storage.

3912 (VI) Each active ingredient comprising at least one per cent of such  
3913 cannabis, including cannabinoids, isomers, esters, ethers and salts and  
3914 salts of isomers, esters and ethers, and all quantities thereof expressed  
3915 in metric units and as a percentage of volume.

3916 (VII) A list of all known allergens, as identified by the federal Food  
3917 and Drug Administration, contained in such cannabis, or the denotation  
3918 "no known FDA identified allergens" if such cannabis does not contain  
3919 any allergen identified by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

3920 (VIII) The following warning statement within, and outlined by, a red  
3921 box:

3922 "This product is not FDA-approved, may be intoxicating, cause long-  
3923 term physical and mental health problems, and have delayed side  
3924 effects. It is illegal to operate a vehicle or machinery under the influence  
3925 of cannabis. Keep away from children."

3926 (IX) At least one of the following warning statements, rotated  
3927 quarterly on an alternating basis:

3928 "Warning: Frequent and prolonged use of cannabis can contribute to  
3929 mental health problems over time, including anxiety, depression,  
3930 stunted brain development and impaired memory."

3931 "Warning: Consumption while pregnant or breastfeeding may be  
3932 harmful."

3933 "Warning: Cannabis has intoxicating effects and may be habit-  
3934 forming and addictive."

3935 "Warning: Consuming more than the recommended amount may  
3936 result in adverse effects requiring medical attention."

3937 (X) All information necessary to comply with labeling requirements  
3938 imposed under the laws of this state and federal law, including, but not  
3939 limited to, sections 21a-91 to 21a-120, inclusive, and 21a-151 to 21a-159,  
3940 inclusive, the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, 21 USC 301 et seq.,  
3941 as amended from time to time, and the federal Fair Packaging and  
3942 Labeling Act, 15 USC 1451 et seq., as amended from time to time, for  
3943 similar products that do not contain cannabis.

3944 (XI) Such additional warning labels for certain cannabis products as

3945 the commissioner may require and post on the department's Internet  
3946 web site.

3947 (6) Establishing laboratory testing standards. [L]

3948 (7) Establishing consumer disclosures concerning mold and yeast in  
3949 cannabis. [and]

3950 (8) Establishing permitted remediation practices, which practices  
3951 shall include, but need not be limited to, remediation of cannabis flower  
3952 or other cannabis plant material by way of one or more exposures to  
3953 ionizing radiation for any cannabis flower or other cannabis plant  
3954 material that fails any laboratory testing due to microbial  
3955 contamination.

3956 [(7)] (9) Restricting forms of cannabis products and cannabis product  
3957 delivery systems to ensure consumer safety and deter public health  
3958 concerns.

3959 [(8)] (10) Prohibiting certain manufacturing methods, or inclusion of  
3960 additives to cannabis products, including, but not limited to, (A) added  
3961 flavoring, terpenes or other additives unless approved by the  
3962 department, or (B) any form of nicotine or other additive containing  
3963 nicotine.

3964 [(9)] (11) Prohibiting cannabis product types that appeal to children,  
3965 including, but not limited to, facsimiles of foods, beverages and other  
3966 items that appeal to children.

3967 [(10)] (12) Establishing physical and cyber security requirements  
3968 related to build out, monitoring and protocols for cannabis  
3969 establishments as a requirement for licensure.

3970 [(11)] (13) Placing temporary limits on the sale of cannabis in the  
3971 adult-use market, if deemed appropriate and necessary by the  
3972 commissioner, in response to a shortage of cannabis for qualifying  
3973 patients.

3974 [(12)] (14) Requiring retailers and hybrid retailers to make best efforts  
3975 to provide access to (A) low-dose THC products, including products  
3976 that have one milligram and two and a half milligrams of THC per dose,  
3977 and (B) high-dose CBD products.

3978 [(13)] (15) Requiring producers, cultivators, micro-cultivators,  
3979 product manufacturers and food and beverage manufacturers to  
3980 register brand names for cannabis, in accordance with the policies and  
3981 procedures and subject to the fee set forth in, regulations adopted under  
3982 chapter 420f.

3983 [(14)] (16) Prohibiting a cannabis establishment from selling, other  
3984 than the sale of medical [marijuana] cannabis products between  
3985 cannabis establishments and the sale of cannabis to qualifying patients,  
3986 [and] qualifying out-of-state patients, caregivers and qualifying out-of-  
3987 state caregivers, (A) cannabis flower [or other cannabis plant material]  
3988 with a total THC concentration greater than thirty-five per cent on a dry-  
3989 weight basis, and (B) any cannabis product other than cannabis flower  
3990 and cannabis plant material with a total THC concentration greater than  
3991 seventy per cent on a dry-weight basis, except that the provisions of  
3992 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision shall not apply to the sale of  
3993 cannabis concentrates, other cannabis plant material or prefilled  
3994 cartridges for use in an electronic cannabis delivery system, as defined  
3995 in section 19a-342a, as amended by [this act, and the department may  
3996 adjust the percentages set forth in subparagraph (A) or (B) of this  
3997 subdivision in regulations adopted pursuant to this section for purposes  
3998 of public health or to address market access or shortage] substitute  
3999 house bill 5350 of the current session, as amended by House  
4000 Amendment Schedules "A" and "D". As used in this subdivision,  
4001 "cannabis plant material" means material from the cannabis plant, as  
4002 defined in section 21a-279a, as amended by [this act] substitute house  
4003 bill 5350 of the current session, as amended by House Amendment  
4004 Schedules "A" and "D".

4005 [(15)] (17) Requiring dispensary facilities, hybrid retailers and  
4006 retailers to display the following types of cannabis in a form and manner

4007 prescribed by the department and in an area physically and visually  
4008 separated from other cannabis for sale at such establishment: (A)  
4009 Cannabis flower or other cannabis plant material with a total THC  
4010 concentration greater than thirty per cent on a dry-weight basis, and (B)  
4011 any cannabis product other than cannabis flower and cannabis plant  
4012 material with a total THC concentration greater than sixty per cent on a  
4013 dry-weight basis, excluding prefilled cartridges for use in an electronic  
4014 cannabis delivery system. As used in this subdivision, "cannabis plant  
4015 material" has the same meaning as provided in subsection (j) of section  
4016 21a-279a, as amended by [this act] substitute house bill 5350 of the  
4017 current session, as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and  
4018 "D".

4019 [(16)] (18) Requiring any dispensary facility, hybrid retailer or retailer  
4020 that sells any form of cannabis that exceeds the THC concentrations set  
4021 forth in subdivision [(15)] (17) of this subsection to include the words  
4022 "Warning - High THC" next to each such form of cannabis on such  
4023 cannabis establishment's menus and advertisements.

4024 [(17)] (19) Prescribing signage to be displayed at a dispensary facility,  
4025 hybrid retailer or retailer informing consumers, qualifying patients,  
4026 [and] qualifying out-of-state patients, caregivers and qualifying out-of-  
4027 state caregivers of health risks associated with cannabis in excess of the  
4028 THC concentrations set forth in subdivision [(15)] (17) of this subsection.

4029 [(18)] (20) Permitting the outdoor cultivation of cannabis.

4030 [(19)] (21) Prohibiting packaging that is (A) visually similar to any  
4031 commercially similar product that does not contain cannabis, or (B) used  
4032 for any good that is marketed to individuals reasonably expected to be  
4033 younger than twenty-one years of age.

4034 [(20)] (22) Allowing packaging to include a picture of the cannabis  
4035 product and contain a logo of one cannabis establishment, which logo  
4036 may be comprised of not more than three colors and provided neither  
4037 black nor white shall be considered one of such three colors.

4038        [(21)] (23) Requiring packaging to (A) be entirely and uniformly one  
4039 color, and (B) not incorporate any information, print, embossing,  
4040 debossing, graphic or hidden feature, other than any permitted or  
4041 required label.

4042        [(22)] (24) Requiring that packaging and labeling for an edible  
4043 cannabis product, excluding the warning labels required under this  
4044 subsection and a picture of the cannabis product described in  
4045 subdivision [(20)] (22) of this subsection but including, but not limited  
4046 to, the logo of the cannabis establishment, shall only be comprised of  
4047 black and white or a combination thereof.

4048        [(23)] (25) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this  
4049 subdivision, requiring that delivery device cartridges be labeled, in a  
4050 clearly legible manner and in as large a font as the size of the device  
4051 reasonably allows, with only the following information (i) the name of  
4052 the cannabis establishment where the cannabis is grown or  
4053 manufactured, (ii) the cannabis brand, (iii) the total THC and total CBD  
4054 content contained within the delivery device cartridge, (iv) the  
4055 expiration date, and (v) the unique identifier generated by a cannabis  
4056 analytic tracking system maintained by the department and used to  
4057 track cannabis under the policies and procedures issued, and final  
4058 regulations adopted, by the commissioner pursuant to this section.

4059        (B) A cannabis establishment may emboss, deboss or similarly print  
4060 the name of the cannabis establishment's business entity, and one logo  
4061 with not more than three colors, on a delivery device cartridge.

4062        [(24)] (26) Prescribing signage to be prominently displayed at  
4063 dispensary facilities, retailers and hybrid retailers disclosing (A)  
4064 possible health risks related to mold, and (B) the use and possible health  
4065 risks related to the use of mold remediation techniques.

4066        Sec. 55. Subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 21a-425a of the  
4067 2026 supplement to the general statutes, as amended by section 94 of  
4068 substitute house bill 5350 of the current session, as amended by House

4069 Amendment Schedules "A" and "D", is repealed and the following is  
4070 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

4071 (d) (1) [An] No infused beverage manufacturer shall [only] obtain  
4072 hemp, a hemp product or an intermediate hemp derivative for the  
4073 purpose of manufacturing any infused beverage that is intended to be  
4074 sold or offered for sale in this state unless such hemp product is in the  
4075 form of hemp oil or an intermediate hemp derivative, and no such  
4076 infused beverage manufacturer shall use any hemp product other than  
4077 hemp oil or an intermediate hemp derivative to manufacture any such  
4078 infused beverage.

4079 Sec. 56. Subsection (a) of section 22-61l of the general statutes, as  
4080 amended by section 99 of substitute house bill 5350 of the current  
4081 session, as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D", is  
4082 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
4083 *passage*):

4084 (a) For the purpose of this section and section 22-61m, as amended by  
4085 [this act] substitute house bill 5350 of the current session, as amended  
4086 by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D", the following terms have  
4087 the same meaning as provided in 7 CFR 990.1, as amended from time to  
4088 time: "Acceptable hemp THC level", "Agricultural marketing service",  
4089 "Audit", "Cannabis", "Conviction", "Corrective action plan", "Culpable  
4090 mental state greater than negligence", "Decarboxylated",  
4091 "Decarboxylation", "Disposal", "Dry weight basis", "Gas  
4092 chromatography", "Geospatial location", "Handle", "Liquid  
4093 chromatography", "Immature plants", "Information sharing system",  
4094 "Measurement of uncertainty", "Negligence", "Phytocannabinoid",  
4095 "Postdecarboxylation", "Remediation", "Reverse distributor" and "Total  
4096 THC". In addition, for the purpose of this section, section 22-61m, as  
4097 amended by [this act] substitute house bill 5350 of the current session,  
4098 as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D", and sections  
4099 100 and 101 of [this act] substitute house bill 5350 of the current session,  
4100 as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D":

4101 (1) "Cannabidiol" or "CBD" means the nonpsychotropic compound by  
4102 the same name;

4103 (2) "Cannabis" (A) means all parts of any plant or species of the genus  
4104 cannabis, or any infra specific taxon thereof, whether growing or not;  
4105 (B) includes (i) every resin extracted from any part of such plant,  
4106 including, but not limited to, every resin extracted from (I) the mature  
4107 stalks of such plant, (II) the fiber produced from the mature stalks of  
4108 such plant, or (III) the oil or cake made from the seeds of such plant, (ii)  
4109 every other compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture or  
4110 preparation of such plant or its resin, and (iii) every (I) high-THC hemp  
4111 product, as defined in section 21a-240, as amended by [this act] substitute house bill 5350 of the current session, as amended by House  
4112 Amendment Schedules "A" and "D", and this act, (II) manufactured  
4113 cannabinoid, as defined in section 21a-240, as amended by [this act] substitute house bill 5350 of the current session, as amended by House  
4114 Amendment Schedules "A" and "D", and this act, or (III) cannabinol or  
4115 cannabidiol and chemical compounds which are similar to cannabinol  
4116 or cannabidiol in chemical structure or which are similar thereto in  
4117 physiological effect, which are controlled substances under this chapter,  
4118 except cannabidiol derived from hemp, that is not a high-THC hemp  
4119 product; and (C) does not include (i) the mature stalks of such plant, (ii)  
4120 the fiber produced from the mature stalks of such plant, (iii) the oil or  
4121 cake made from the seeds of such plant, (iv) any other compound,  
4122 manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture or preparation of the mature  
4123 stalks of such plant, (v) the seeds of such plant, (vi) hemp (I) with a total  
4124 THC, as defined in section 21a-240, as amended by [this act] substitute  
4125 house bill 5350 of the current session, as amended by House  
4126 Amendment Schedules "A" and "D", and this act, concentration of not  
4127 more than three-tenths per cent on a dry-weight basis, and (II) that is  
4128 not a high-THC hemp product, (vii) [cannabinol, cannabigerol,  
4129 cannabichromene or any other minor cannabinoid derived from hemp,  
4130 (viii)] any substance approved by the federal Food and Drug  
4131 Administration or successor agency as a drug and reclassified in any  
4132 schedule of controlled substances or unscheduled by the federal Drug  
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4135 Enforcement Administration or successor agency that is included in the  
4136 same schedule designated by the federal Drug Enforcement  
4137 Administration or successor agency, or ~~[(ix)]~~ (viii) any infused beverage,  
4138 as defined in section 21a-425, as amended by [this act] substitute house  
4139 bill 5350 of the current session, as amended by House Amendment  
4140 Schedules "A" and "D";

4141 (3) "Certificate of analysis" means a certificate from a laboratory  
4142 describing the results of the laboratory's testing of a sample;

4143 (4) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Agriculture, or the  
4144 commissioner's designated agent;

4145 (5) "Cultivate" means to plant, grow, harvest, handle and store a plant  
4146 or crop;

4147 (6) "Federal act" means the United States Agricultural Marketing Act  
4148 of 1946, 7 USC 1639o et seq., as amended from time to time;

4149 (7) "Department" means the Department of Agriculture;

4150 (8) "Hemp" has the same meaning as provided in the federal act;

4151 (9) "Hemp products" means all manufacturer hemp products and  
4152 producer hemp products;

4153 (10) "Independent testing laboratory" means a facility:

4154 (A) For which no person who has any direct or indirect financial or  
4155 managerial interest in the laboratory and also has any direct or indirect  
4156 interest in a facility that:

4157 (i) Produces, distributes, manufactures or sells hemp or hemp  
4158 products, or cannabis in any state or territory of the United States; or

4159 (ii) Cultivates, processes, distributes, dispenses or sells cannabis; and

4160 (B) That is accredited as a laboratory in compliance with section 21a-

4161 408-59 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies;

4162 (11) "Infused beverage" has the same meaning as provided in section  
4163 21a-425, as amended by [this act] substitute house bill 5350 of the current  
4164 session, as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D";

4165 (12) "Infused beverage manufacturer" has the same meaning as  
4166 provided in section 21a-425, as amended by [this act] substitute house  
4167 bill 5350 of the current session, as amended by House Amendment  
4168 Schedules "A" and "D";

4169 (13) "Intermediate hemp derivative" means an oil or concentrate that  
4170 (A) is extracted directly and exclusively from raw hemp plant material,  
4171 (B) contains a total THC, as defined in section 21a-240, as amended by  
4172 [this act] substitute house bill 5350 of the current session, as amended  
4173 by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D", and this act,  
4174 concentration of more than 0.3 per cent on a dry weight basis, and (C) is  
4175 extracted by (i) adding heat, (ii) decarboxylation, (iii) adding (I) a Class  
4176 3 organic solvent within the meaning of the most recent United States  
4177 Pharmacopeia, Chapter 467, as amended from time to time, or (II)  
4178 another solvent approved by the Commissioner of Consumer  
4179 Protection, (iv) ethanol extraction, (v) carbon dioxide extraction, (vi) a  
4180 solventless extraction method, including, but not limited to, the use of  
4181 ice water, rosin pressing, dry sifting or steam distillation, or (vii) an  
4182 extraction process not set forth in subparagraphs (C)(i) to (C)(vi),  
4183 inclusive, of this subdivision, provided such extraction process has been  
4184 approved by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection;

4185 (14) "Laboratory" means a laboratory that meets the requirements of  
4186 7 CFR 990.3 and that is accredited as a testing laboratory to International  
4187 Organization for Standardization (ISO) 17025 by a third-party  
4188 accrediting body such as the American Association for Laboratory  
4189 Accreditation or the Assured Calibration and Laboratory Accreditation  
4190 Select Services;

4191 (15) "Law enforcement agency" means the Connecticut State Police,

4192 the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, the Department of  
4193 Agriculture, the Department of Consumer Protection Drug Control  
4194 Division or any other federal, state or local law enforcement agency or  
4195 drug suppression unit;

4196 (16) "Licensee" means an individual or entity that possesses a license  
4197 to produce or manufacture hemp or hemp products in this state;

4198 (17) "Manufacture" means the conversion of the hemp plant into a by-  
4199 product or an extract by means of (A) adding heat, (B) decarboxylation,  
4200 (C) adding (i) a Class 3 organic solvent within the meaning of the most  
4201 recent United States Pharmacopeia, Chapter 467, as amended from time  
4202 to time, or (ii) another solvent approved by the Commissioner of  
4203 Consumer Protection, (D) ethanol extraction, (E) carbon dioxide  
4204 extraction, (F) a solventless extraction method, including, but not  
4205 limited to, the use of ice water, rosin pressing, dry sifting or steam  
4206 distillation, or (G) any method of extraction that modifies the original  
4207 composition of the plant for the purpose of creating a manufacturer  
4208 hemp product for commercial or research purposes;

4209 (18) "Manufacturer" means a person in the state licensed by the  
4210 Commissioner of Consumer Protection to manufacture, handle, store  
4211 and market manufacturer hemp products pursuant to the provisions of  
4212 section 22-61m, as amended by [this act] substitute house bill 5350 of the  
4213 current session, as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and  
4214 "D", and any regulation adopted pursuant to section 22-61m, as  
4215 amended by [this act] substitute house bill 5350 of the current session,  
4216 as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D";

4217 (19) "Market" or "marketing" means promoting, distributing or  
4218 selling a hemp product within the state, in another state or outside of  
4219 the United States and includes efforts to advertise and gather  
4220 information about the needs or preferences of potential consumers or  
4221 suppliers;

4222 (20) "On-site manager" means the individual designated by the

4223 producer license applicant or producer responsible for on-site  
4224 management and operations of a licensed producer;

4225 (21) "Pesticide" has the same meaning as "pesticide chemical" as  
4226 provided in section 21a-92;

4227 (22) "Lot" means a contiguous area in a field, greenhouse or indoor  
4228 growing structure containing the same variety or strain of hemp  
4229 throughout the area;

4230 (23) "Post-harvest sample" means a representative sample of the form  
4231 of hemp taken from the harvested hemp from a particular lot's harvest  
4232 that is collected in accordance with the procedures established by the  
4233 commissioner;

4234 (24) "Pre-harvest sample" means a composite, representative portion  
4235 from plants in a hemp lot, that is collected in accordance with the  
4236 procedures established by the commissioner;

4237 (25) "Produce" means to cultivate hemp or create any producer hemp  
4238 product;

4239 (26) "State plan" means a state plan, as described in the federal act and  
4240 as authorized pursuant to this section;

4241 (27) "THC" means delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol;

4242 (28) "Controlled Substances Act" or "CSA" means the Controlled  
4243 Substances Act as codified in 21 USC 801 et seq.;

4244 (29) "Criminal history report" means the fingerprint-based state and  
4245 national criminal history record information obtained in accordance  
4246 with section 29-17a;

4247 (30) "Drug Enforcement Administration" or "DEA" means the United  
4248 States Drug Enforcement Administration;

4249 (31) "Farm service agency" or "FSA" means an agency of the United

4250 States Department of Agriculture;

4251 (32) "Key participant" means a sole proprietor, a partner in  
4252 partnership or a person with executive managerial control in an entity,  
4253 including persons such as a chief executive officer, chief operating  
4254 officer and chief financial officer;

4255 (33) "Manufacturer hemp product" (A) means a commodity  
4256 manufactured from the hemp plant, for commercial or research  
4257 purposes, that (i) is intended for human ingestion, inhalation,  
4258 absorption or other internal consumption, and (ii) contains a THC  
4259 concentration of not more than 0.3 per cent on a dry weight basis or per  
4260 volume or weight of such manufacturer hemp product, and (B) does not  
4261 include an infused beverage;

4262 (34) "Producer" means an individual or entity licensed by the  
4263 commissioner to produce and market producer hemp products  
4264 pursuant to the federal act, the state plan, the provisions of this section  
4265 and the regulations adopted pursuant to this section;

4266 (35) "Producer hemp product" means any of the following produced  
4267 in this state: Raw hemp product, fiber-based hemp product or animal  
4268 hemp food product, and each of which contains a THC concentration of  
4269 not more than 0.3 per cent on a dry weight basis or per volume or weight  
4270 of such producer hemp product;

4271 (36) "USDA" means the United States Department of Agriculture;

4272 (37) "Entity" means a corporation, joint stock company, association,  
4273 limited partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability  
4274 company, irrevocable trust, estate, charitable organization or other  
4275 similar organization, including any such organization participating in  
4276 the hemp production as a partner in a general partnership, a participant  
4277 in a joint venture or a participant in a similar organization; and

4278 (38) "Homogenize" means to blend hemp into a mixture that has a  
4279 uniform quality and content throughout such mixture.

4280 Sec. 57. Subsection (c) of section 22-61n of the general statutes, as  
4281 amended by section 103 of substitute house bill 5350 of the current  
4282 session, as amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "D", is  
4283 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
4284 *passage*):

4285 (c) Hemp or hemp products purchased by a producer, cultivator,  
4286 micro-cultivator, food and beverage manufacturer or product  
4287 manufacturer from a third party shall be tracked as a separate batch  
4288 throughout the manufacturing process in order to document the  
4289 disposition of such hemp or hemp products. Once hemp or hemp  
4290 products are received by a producer, cultivator, micro-cultivator, food  
4291 and beverage manufacturer or product manufacturer, [to manufacture  
4292 a cannabis product,] such hemp or hemp products shall be deemed  
4293 cannabis and shall comply with the requirements for cannabis contained  
4294 in the applicable provisions of the general statutes and any regulations  
4295 adopted pursuant to such provisions. A producer, cultivator, micro-  
4296 cultivator, food and beverage manufacturer or product manufacturer  
4297 shall retain a copy of the certificate of analysis for purchased hemp or  
4298 hemp products and invoice and transport documents that evidence the  
4299 quantity purchased and date received.

4300 Sec. 58. Subsection (a) of section 20 of substitute senate bill 4 of the  
4301 current session, as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A", is  
4302 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
4303 *1, 2026*):

4304 (a) As used in this section:

4305 (1) "Cable operator" has the same meaning as provided in 47 USC 522,  
4306 as amended from time to time;

4307 (2) "Commercial advertisement" has the same meaning as such term  
4308 is used in the Commercial Advertisement Loudness Mitigation Act, P.L.  
4309 111-311, as amended from time to time;

4310 (3) "Consumer" means any person who is physically present in this

4311 state; [and is a recipient, or a prospective recipient, of a streaming video  
4312 service;]

4313 (4) "Multichannel video programming distributor" has the same  
4314 meaning as provided in 47 USC 522, as amended from time to time;

4315 (5) "Person" means any individual, association, corporation, limited  
4316 liability company, partnership, trust or other legal entity;

4317 (6) "Streaming video service" [means any service through which any  
4318 video content, including, but not limited to, any video programming, is  
4319 made available directly to consumers through a distribution method  
4320 that uses the Internet protocol] (A) means any person that makes  
4321 available directly to consumers, through a distribution method that uses  
4322 Internet protocol, either (i) video programming, or (ii) video content  
4323 such person makes available for users to view, and (B) does not include  
4324 (i) a television broadcast station, cable operator or other multichannel  
4325 video programming distributor, or (ii) any person that serves video  
4326 programming or video content without commercial advertisements;

4327 (7) "Television broadcast station" has the same meaning as provided  
4328 in 47 USC 325, as amended from time to time; and

4329 (8) "Video programming" has the same meaning as provided in 47  
4330 USC 613, as amended from time to time.

4331 Sec. 59. Section 49 of public act 26-8 is repealed and the following is  
4332 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

4333 (a) No retailer, hybrid retailer or dispensary facility shall borrow  
4334 money or receive credit, directly or indirectly, in any form for a period  
4335 in excess of thirty days from any cultivator, micro-cultivator or  
4336 producer.

4337 (b) No cannabis establishment shall borrow money or receive credit,  
4338 directly or indirectly, in any form for a period in excess of thirty days  
4339 from any cannabis testing laboratory.

4340 Sec. 60. (Effective July 1, 2026) (a) Not later than January 1, 2027, the  
4341 State Fire Marshal, in consultation with the Commissioner of  
4342 Administrative Services and the working group established pursuant to  
4343 section 61 of this act, shall, within available appropriations, establish a  
4344 two-year risk-based residential fire inspection pilot program to improve  
4345 the scheduling, documentation and prioritization of fire inspections of  
4346 residential buildings designed to be occupied by more than two families  
4347 pursuant to section 29-305 of the general statutes. Municipalities  
4348 participating in such pilot program shall: (1) Implement a schedule of  
4349 such residential fire inspections using a standardized scoring method  
4350 that assigns scores for violations and classifies residential buildings  
4351 based on fire prevention and construction features, (2) maintain timely  
4352 fire inspections as required pursuant to section 29-305 of the general  
4353 statutes, while allocating more fire inspection resources to high-risk  
4354 residential buildings, (3) comply with the data collection and record-  
4355 keeping requirements of such pilot program, including, but not limited  
4356 to, using a data system designated by the State Fire Marshal to record  
4357 fire inspection data required pursuant to such pilot program, and (4)  
4358 review the current fire inspection revenue structure and staffing  
4359 allocation.

4360 (b) The State Fire Marshal shall select, from among applicants for  
4361 participation in the risk-based residential fire inspection pilot program,  
4362 not less than three participating municipalities which shall include, but  
4363 need not be limited to, two municipalities with populations of at least  
4364 one hundred thousand and one municipality with a population of at  
4365 least thirty-five thousand, but less than one hundred thousand. If any  
4366 participating municipality withdraws or is unable to meet the  
4367 requirements of the pilot program, the State Fire Marshal may select a  
4368 comparable municipality as a replacement. In selecting participating  
4369 municipalities, the State Fire Marshal shall consult with the appointing  
4370 authority for local fire marshals within such municipality, pursuant to  
4371 section 29-297 of the general statutes, to determine the (1) volume and  
4372 diversity of residential buildings designed to be occupied by more than  
4373 two families in such municipality, (2) availability of local resources, and

4374 (3) capability for consistent implementation of such pilot program.

4375 (c) For the implementation of the risk-based residential fire  
4376 inspection pilot program by a participating municipality, the State Fire  
4377 Marshal shall:

4378 (1) Specify a standardized scoring method that assigns scores to  
4379 violations identified during fire inspections based on the severity of life-  
4380 safety hazards related to such violations;

4381 (2) Establish a grading system that classifies such residential  
4382 buildings based on fire prevention and construction features and other  
4383 risk indicators for the purpose of prioritizing the annual fire inspection  
4384 of such residential buildings;

4385 (3) Develop a pre-inspection checklist for owners of residential  
4386 buildings to encourage voluntary correction of potential hazards prior  
4387 to a fire inspection;

4388 (4) Standardize the documentation of fire inspection findings to  
4389 support enforcement actions and compliance follow-up, which  
4390 documentation shall include, but not be limited to, photographs; and

4391 (5) Designate one or more data systems, including, but not limited to,  
4392 the National Emergency Response Information System, that is capable  
4393 of (A) collecting and exporting data related to, at a minimum, residential  
4394 building classifications with risk-relevant construction and fire  
4395 prevention features, dates and types of fire inspections, violations cited  
4396 with assigned score, corrective action status and fire inspections  
4397 timelines pursuant to section 29-305 of the general statutes, (B)  
4398 generating residential building classifications based on data recorded  
4399 into such system, (C) producing quarterly reports of fire inspection  
4400 activities, including, but not limited to, responses to complaints and  
4401 outcomes of public reporting, and (D) establishing a baseline of  
4402 residential fire inspection activity for each municipality based on a two-  
4403 year history of data collection or, when such data is unavailable, based  
4404 on predictive data deemed sufficient to establish a baseline by the State

4405 Fire Marshal. As used in this subdivision, "National Emergency  
4406 Response Information System" means the national data system  
4407 developed or designated by the United States Fire Administration, or its  
4408 successor system, for the collection, reporting and analysis of fire and  
4409 emergency incident data.

4410 (d) The risk-based residential fire inspection pilot program shall  
4411 terminate on January 1, 2029. Not later than February 1, 2027, and  
4412 annually thereafter until February 1, 2029, the State Fire Marshal shall  
4413 submit, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general  
4414 statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
4415 having cognizance of matters relating to public safety and security a  
4416 report on such pilot program, whether such pilot program should be  
4417 made permanent based on the results from such pilot program and  
4418 whether the recommendations of the working group established  
4419 pursuant to section 61 of this act were integrated in such pilot program.

4420 Sec. 61. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a working  
4421 group to advise the State Fire Marshal on the development and  
4422 implementation of a risk-based residential fire inspection pilot program,  
4423 established pursuant to section 60 of this act, concerning the scheduling,  
4424 documentation and prioritization of fire inspections of residential  
4425 buildings designed to be occupied by more than two families pursuant  
4426 to section 29-305 of the general statutes. The working group shall advise  
4427 on (1) the design and implementation of such pilot program, (2) any data  
4428 collection required pursuant to such pilot program and an assessment  
4429 of the capacity of participating municipalities to report such data, (3) the  
4430 progression of such pilot program and any data quality issues, and (4)  
4431 any modifications to the reporting requirements under such pilot  
4432 program.

4433 (b) The working group shall consist of the following members:

4434 (1) The State Fire Marshal, or the State Fire Marshal's designee;

4435 (2) Four local fire marshals appointed by the Connecticut Fire

4436 Marshals Association, one of whom shall represent a municipality  
4437 participating in the risk-based residential fire inspection pilot program;

4438 (3) Two members of the Joint Council of Connecticut Fire Services  
4439 Organizations, appointed by said council;

4440 (4) Two appointed jointly by the chairpersons and ranking members  
4441 of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having  
4442 cognizance of matters relating to public safety, who shall be members of  
4443 such joint standing committee, or their designees;

4444 (5) A representative of the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities,  
4445 appointed by said conference; and

4446 (6) Two appointed by the State Fire Marshal, each of whom shall be a  
4447 representative from a municipality participating in the risk-based  
4448 residential fire inspection pilot program.

4449 (c) All initial appointments to the working group shall be made not  
4450 later than thirty days after the effective date of this section, except the  
4451 representative appointed pursuant to subdivision (6) of subsection (b)  
4452 of this section shall be appointed as soon as practical after the State Fire  
4453 Marshal selects the participating municipalities in the risk-based  
4454 residential fire inspection program pursuant to subsection (b) of section  
4455 60 of this act. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.

4456 (d) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General  
4457 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety shall  
4458 select the chairpersons of the working group from among the members  
4459 of the working group. Such chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting  
4460 of the working group, which shall be held not later than sixty days after  
4461 the effective date of this section.

4462 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
4463 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety  
4464 shall serve as administrative staff of the working group.

4465 (f) Not later than December 1, 2026, and annually thereafter until  
4466 December 1, 2028, the working group shall submit to the State Fire  
4467 Marshal its evaluation of and recommendations for the implementation  
4468 of the risk-based residential fire inspection pilot program, including, but  
4469 not limited to, the following:

4470 (1) An evaluation of the pilot program's effectiveness in improving  
4471 statutory inspection compliance, reducing inspection backlog,  
4472 identifying and correcting high severity life safety hazards, improving  
4473 firefighter operational safety through better hazard intelligence,  
4474 reducing repeat violations, supporting consistent enforcement actions,  
4475 and assessing fiscal and staffing impacts through comparisons of  
4476 municipalities participating in the pilot program to baseline pre-pilot  
4477 program fire inspection activity of such municipality and, where  
4478 practicable, to similarly situated nonparticipating municipalities;

4479 (2) Not later than December 1, 2026, (A) designation of the type of  
4480 data required to establish a baseline of residential fire inspection activity  
4481 in a municipality based on a two-year history or, when such data is  
4482 unavailable, based on predictive data, (B) identification of the gaps in  
4483 the availability of such data for each participating municipality, (C)  
4484 determination of initial inspection volumes and timelines, (D)  
4485 development of a plan for data collection and quality assurance during  
4486 the pilot program, (E) for the requirements specified in subsection (c) of  
4487 section 60 of this act, development of a (i) standardized scoring method  
4488 for violations based on the severity of life-safety hazards; (ii) grading  
4489 system for residential buildings based on fire prevention and  
4490 construction features; (iii) pre-inspection checklist for owners of  
4491 residential buildings; and (iv) standardized documentation system for  
4492 fire inspection findings, and (F) recommendations for any adjustments  
4493 to the implementation of the pilot program;

4494 (3) Not later than December 1, 2027, (A) determination of any  
4495 adjustment to inspection volumes and timelines, (B) aggregation of  
4496 violations by severity and changes from initial baseline data for each  
4497 participating municipality, (C) identification of any trends in voluntary

4498 hazard correction undertaken as result of the pre-inspection checklist  
4499 developed pursuant to subsection (c) of section 60 of this act, (D)  
4500 assessment of the use of the data system designated pursuant to  
4501 subsection (c) of section 60 of this act and the quality of such data, and  
4502 (E) an overview of the results of the pilot program as of such date; and

4503 (4) Not later than December 1, 2028, recommendations for (A)  
4504 legislation required to continue or alter the inspection schedule  
4505 developed during the pilot program for each participating municipality,  
4506 (B) state-wide implementation, other expansion, modification or  
4507 termination of the pilot program, and (C) if applicable, statutory,  
4508 regulatory, staffing, funding or technological changes required for  
4509 broader implementation of the pilot program.

4510 (g) The working group shall terminate on the date that it submits its  
4511 final report or February 1, 2029, whichever is later.

4512 Sec. 62. Section 30-22c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4513 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

4514 (a) As used in this section:

4515 (1) "Juice bar or similar facility" means an area within permit premises  
4516 in which nonalcoholic beverages are served to minors; and

4517 (2) "Permit premises" means the premises operated under (A) a cafe  
4518 permit issued under subsection (c) of section 30-22a, or (B) a cafe permit  
4519 for wine, beer and cider issued under section 30-22g.

4520 (b) The holder of a cafe permit issued under subsection (c) of section  
4521 30-22a or a cafe permit for wine, beer and cider issued under section 30-  
4522 22g may operate a juice bar or similar facility at permit premises if the  
4523 juice bar or similar facility is limited to a room or rooms or separate area  
4524 within the permit premises wherein there is no sale, consumption,  
4525 dispensing or presence of alcoholic liquor. The holder of a cafe permit,  
4526 at all times when a portion of the permit premises is being operated as  
4527 a juice bar, shall limit the number of patrons in the portion of the permit

4528 premises being operated as a juice bar to not more than ten per cent of  
4529 the total building occupant load established by the Fire Marshal under  
4530 the Fire Safety Code.

4531 (c) Any town may, by ordinance, (1) provide the hours during which  
4532 a juice bar may operate, or (2) notwithstanding the provisions of  
4533 subsection (b) of this section, prohibit the operation of juice bars within  
4534 the town or municipality.

4535 [(c)] (d) The holder of a cafe permit issued under subsection (c) of  
4536 section 30-22a or a cafe permit for wine, beer and cider issued under  
4537 section 30-22g shall provide advance written notice to the chief law  
4538 enforcement officer of the town in which the permit premises is located  
4539 of the specific dates and hours of any scheduled event at which such  
4540 permit premises, or any portion thereof, will be used to operate a juice  
4541 bar or similar facility. Such notice shall be sent (1) by certified mail, or  
4542 by electronic mail to the designated electronic mail address for the chief  
4543 law enforcement officer, and (2) in a manner so that such notice is  
4544 received by such chief law enforcement officer not less than five days,  
4545 and not more than thirty days, prior to the date of such scheduled event.  
4546 The chief law enforcement officer of the town in which such permit  
4547 premises is located may designate one or more law enforcement officers  
4548 to attend any such scheduled event at the cost of such permit holder. If,  
4549 at any time prior to or during such scheduled event, the chief law  
4550 enforcement officer of the town, or such officer's designee, determines  
4551 that (A) there is insufficient police capacity to properly and safely  
4552 monitor the event or enforce any applicable law related to the event or  
4553 the permit premises, or (B) the event may, or has, become a danger to  
4554 public safety, such officer or designee may, in such officer's or designee's  
4555 sole discretion, reject such scheduled event or order such scheduled  
4556 event to be terminated.

4557 [(d)] (e) Nothing in this section shall exempt the holder of a cafe  
4558 permit issued under subsection (c) of section 30-22a or a cafe permit for  
4559 wine, beer and cider issued under section 30-22g from compliance with  
4560 any other provisions of the general statutes or regulations of

4561 Connecticut state agencies concerning minors, including, but not  
4562 limited to, the prohibition against the sale of alcoholic liquor to minors.  
4563 The presence of alcoholic liquor or the sale or dispensing to or  
4564 consumption of alcoholic liquor by a minor at a juice bar or similar  
4565 facility is prohibited.

4566 ~~[(e)]~~ (f) (1) A permittee or agent or employee of a permittee who  
4567 operates a juice bar or similar facility at a permit premises may serve  
4568 alcoholic liquor during the hours of operation of such juice bar or similar  
4569 facility only to a person who is twenty-one years of age or older and  
4570 who is wearing a conspicuous wristband that has been issued to the  
4571 person wearing it by the permittee or agent or employee of the permittee  
4572 to indicate that the permittee or agent or employee of the permittee has  
4573 verified that such person is twenty-one years of age or older.

4574 (2) Notwithstanding subdivision (1) of this subsection, any town or  
4575 municipality may, by ordinance, prohibit the sale of alcoholic liquor on  
4576 any permit premises while a juice bar is in operation.

4577 ~~[(f)]~~ (g) Any permittee or agent or employee of a permittee convicted  
4578 of a violation of any provision of this section shall (1) (A) for a first  
4579 offense, be fined not more than two thousand five hundred dollars, (B)  
4580 for a second offense, be fined not more than five thousand dollars, and  
4581 (C) for a third or subsequent offense, be fined not more than ten  
4582 thousand dollars, or (2) be imprisoned not more than one year for a first,  
4583 second, third or subsequent offense, or (3) be both fined and imprisoned.

4584 (h) The Department of Consumer Protection may conduct an  
4585 investigation into any purported violation of the provisions of this  
4586 section and, if the department finds any violation, may impose any  
4587 penalty set forth in section 30-55.

4588 Sec. 63. Section 53a-115 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4589 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

4590 (a) A person is guilty of criminal mischief in the first degree when: (1)  
4591 With intent to cause damage to tangible property of another and having

4592 no reasonable ground to believe that such person has a right to do so,  
4593 such person damages tangible property of another in an amount  
4594 exceeding one thousand five hundred dollars, or (2) with intent to cause  
4595 (A) (i) damage to tangible property of another and having no reasonable  
4596 ground to believe that such person has a right to do so, or (ii) an  
4597 interruption or impairment of service rendered to the public, and  
4598 [having] (B) with no reasonable ground to believe that such person has  
4599 a right to do so, such person damages or tampers with tangible property  
4600 of a utility or mode of public transportation, power or communication,  
4601 and thereby causes an interruption or impairment of service rendered  
4602 to the public, or (3) with intent to cause damage to any electronic  
4603 monitoring equipment owned or leased by the state or its agent and  
4604 required as a condition of probation or conditional discharge pursuant  
4605 to section 53a-30, as a condition of release pursuant to section 54-64a or  
4606 as a condition of community release pursuant to section 18-100c, and  
4607 having no reasonable ground to believe that such person has a right to  
4608 do so, such person damages such electronic monitoring equipment and  
4609 thereby causes an interruption in its ability to function, or (4) with intent  
4610 to cause (A) damage to tangible property of another and having no  
4611 reasonable ground to believe that such person has a right to do so, or (B)  
4612 an interruption or impairment of service rendered to the public and  
4613 having no reasonable ground to believe that such person has a right to  
4614 do so, such person damages or tampers with [(A)] (i) any tangible  
4615 property owned by the state, a municipality or a person for fire alarm or  
4616 police alarm purposes, [(B)] (ii) any telecommunication system operated  
4617 by the state police or a municipal police department, [(C)] (iii) any  
4618 emergency medical or fire service dispatching system, [(D)] (iv) any fire  
4619 suppression equipment owned by the state, a municipality, a person or  
4620 a fire district, or [(E)] (v) any fire hydrant or hydrant system owned by  
4621 the state or a municipality, a person, a fire district or a private water  
4622 company, or (5) with intent to cause damage to tangible property owned  
4623 by the state or a municipality that is located on public land and having  
4624 no reasonable ground to believe that such person has a right to do so,  
4625 such person damages such tangible property in an amount exceeding  
4626 one thousand five hundred dollars.

4627 (b) Criminal mischief in the first degree is a class D felony.

4628 Sec. 64. Section 53a-116 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4629 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

4630 (a) A person is guilty of criminal mischief in the second degree when:  
4631 (1) With intent to cause damage to tangible property of another and  
4632 having no reasonable ground to believe that such person has a right to  
4633 do so, such person damages tangible property of another in an amount  
4634 exceeding two hundred fifty dollars; or (2) with intent to cause (A)  
4635 damage to tangible property of another and having no reasonable  
4636 ground to believe that such person has a right to do so, or (B) an  
4637 interruption or impairment of service rendered to the public and having  
4638 no reasonable ground to believe that such person has a right to do so,  
4639 such person damages or tampers with tangible property of a public  
4640 utility or mode of public transportation, power or communication, and  
4641 thereby causes a risk of interruption or impairment of service rendered  
4642 to the public; or (3) with intent to cause damage to tangible property  
4643 owned by the state or a municipality that is located on public land and  
4644 having no reasonable ground to believe that such person has a right to  
4645 do so, such person damages such tangible property in an amount  
4646 exceeding two hundred fifty dollars.

4647 (b) Criminal mischief in the second degree is a class A misdemeanor.

4648 Sec. 65. (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) Up to \$250,000 of the amount  
4649 appropriated in section 1 of public act 25-168, as amended by substitute  
4650 senate bill 1 of the current session, as amended by Senate Amendment  
4651 Schedule "A", to the Attorney General, for Personal Services, for the  
4652 fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, shall be transferred to the Department  
4653 of Consumer Protection, for Personal Services, for the costs of  
4654 registering and ensuring compliance by operators of hotels, motels, inns  
4655 and similar lodgings.

4656 (b) The office of the Attorney General and the Department of  
4657 Consumer Protection shall enter into a memorandum of understanding

4658 to effectuate the purpose of subsection (a) of this section.

4659 Sec. 66. Sections 11 and 16 of substitute senate bill 4 of the current  
 4660 session, as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A", are repealed.  
 4661 (*Effective from passage*)

4662 Sec. 67. Sections 1 and 33 of substitute senate bill 5 of the current  
 4663 session, as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A", are repealed.  
 4664 (*Effective from passage*)

4665 Sec. 68. Sections 55 and 79 of public act 26-8 are repealed. (*Effective*  
 4666 *from passage*)

4667 Sec. 69. Sections 20-324g and 42-103b to 42-103m, inclusive, of the  
 4668 general statutes are repealed. (*Effective from passage*)"

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	20-295b
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	20-305
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	20-306
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	20-308(a)
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	20-314(c)
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	20-330(3)
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	20-337
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	20-377s
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	20-670(5)
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	21a-39
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	21a-430(a)
Sec. 12	<i>from passage</i>	51-344a(a)
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	20-324a
Sec. 14	<i>from passage</i>	20-324c
Sec. 15	<i>from passage</i>	20-324d
Sec. 16	<i>from passage</i>	20-324e(e)
Sec. 17	<i>from passage</i>	20-324f
Sec. 18	<i>from passage</i>	20-324h
Sec. 19	<i>from passage</i>	20-417i(o)
Sec. 20	<i>from passage</i>	20-432(d) to (p)

Sec. 21	<i>from passage</i>	21a-226(h)
Sec. 22	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	30-18a
Sec. 23	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	30-37f(b)
Sec. 24	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	30-39(b)
Sec. 25	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	30-86a
Sec. 26	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 27	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	42-221(a) to (c)
Sec. 28	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	42-224(a)
Sec. 29	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 30	<i>January 1, 2027</i>	New section
Sec. 31	<i>January 1, 2027</i>	New section
Sec. 32	<i>January 1, 2027</i>	53-289a
Sec. 33	<i>January 1, 2027</i>	21a-415
Sec. 34	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	20-419
Sec. 35	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	20-420(a)
Sec. 36	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 37	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 38	<i>January 1, 2027</i>	HB 5127 (current session), Sec. 1 (b) (1)(E)
Sec. 39	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	SB 4 (current session), Sec. 1
Sec. 40	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	SB 4 (current session), Sec. 5
Sec. 41	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	SB 4 (current session), Sec. 6(1)
Sec. 42	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	SB 4 (current session), Sec. 7(a)
Sec. 43	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	SB 4 (current session), Sec. 10
Sec. 44	<i>February 1, 2027</i>	New section
Sec. 45	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	42-524(a)
Sec. 46	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 47	<i>October 1, 2027</i>	New section
Sec. 48	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-8c
Sec. 49	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-240(29)
Sec. 50	<i>from passage</i>	21a-420d
Sec. 51	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-420d(e) to (s)
Sec. 52	<i>from passage</i>	21a-420g(a)
Sec. 53	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-420t(c)
Sec. 54	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-421j

Sec. 55	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	21a-425a(d)(1)
Sec. 56	<i>from passage</i>	22-611(a)
Sec. 57	<i>from passage</i>	22-61n(c)
Sec. 58	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	SB 4 (current session), Sec. 20(a)
Sec. 59	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	PA 26-8, Sec. 49
Sec. 60	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 61	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 62	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	30-22c
Sec. 63	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	53a-115
Sec. 64	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	53a-116
Sec. 65	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 66	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section
Sec. 67	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section
Sec. 68	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section
Sec. 69	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section