



General Assembly

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**AN ACT CONCERNING DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION
LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (g) of section 16-50j of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (g) Prior to commencing any hearing pursuant to section 16-50m, the
5 council shall consult with and solicit written comments from (1) the
6 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, the Department
7 of Public Health, the Council on Environmental Quality, the
8 Department of Agriculture, the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority,
9 the Office of Policy and Management, the Department of Economic and
10 Community Development and the Department of Transportation, and
11 (2) in a hearing pursuant to section 16-50m, for a facility described in
12 subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 16-50i, the Department of
13 Emergency Services and Public Protection, [the Department of
14 Consumer Protection,] the Department of Administrative Services and
15 the Labor Department. Copies of such comments shall be made
16 available to all parties prior to the commencement of the hearing.
17 Subsequent to the commencement of the hearing, said departments and
18 council may file additional written comments with the council within

19 such period of time as the council designates. All such written
20 comments shall be made part of the record provided by section 16-50o.
21 Said departments and council shall not enter any contract or agreement
22 with any party to the proceedings or hearings described in this section
23 or section 16-50p that requires said departments or council to withhold
24 or retract comments, refrain from participating in or withdraw from
25 said proceedings or hearings.

26 Sec. 2. Section 20-500 of the general statutes is repealed and the
27 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

28 As used in sections 20-500 to 20-529e, inclusive, unless the context
29 otherwise requires:

30 (1) "Appraisal" means the practice of developing an opinion of the
31 value of real property, in conformance with the USPAP.

32 (2) "Appraisal Foundation" means the not-for-profit corporation
33 referred to in Section 1121 of Title XI of FIRREA.

34 (3) "Appraisal management company" means any person,
35 partnership, association, limited liability company or corporation that
36 performs appraisal management services. "Appraisal management
37 company" does not include:

38 (A) An appraiser that enters into a written or oral agreement with
39 another appraiser for the performance of an appraisal, which is signed
40 by both appraisers upon completion;

41 (B) An appraisal management company that [(i) is wholly owned by
42 a financial institution subject to regulation by an agency or department
43 of the United States government or an agency of this state, and (ii) only
44 receives appraisal requests from an employee of such financial
45 institution] is a subsidiary owned and controlled by a financial
46 institution regulated by a federal financial institution regulatory agency.
47 For the purposes of this subdivision, "financial institution" means a
48 bank, as defined in section 36a-2, an out-of-state bank, as defined in

49 section 36a-2, an institutional lender, any subsidiary or affiliate of such
50 bank, out-of-state bank or institutional lender, or other lender licensed
51 by the Department of Banking;

52 (C) A department or unit of a financial institution subject to
53 regulation by an agency or department of the United States government
54 or an agency of this state that only receives appraisal requests from an
55 employee of such financial institution; or

56 (D) Any local, state or federal agency or department thereof.

57 (4) "Appraisal management services" means any of the following:

58 (A) The administration of an appraiser panel;

59 (B) The recruitment of certified appraisers to be part of an appraiser
60 panel, including, but not limited to, the negotiation of fees to be paid to,
61 and services to be provided by, such appraisers for their participation
62 on such panel; or

63 (C) The receipt of an appraisal request or order or an appraisal review
64 request or order and the delivery of such request or order to an
65 appraiser panel.

66 (5) "Appraiser panel" means a network of appraisers who are certified
67 in accordance with the requirements established by the commission by
68 regulation, who are independent contractors of an appraisal
69 management company and who have:

70 (A) Responded to an invitation, request or solicitation from an
71 appraisal management company to perform appraisals (i) requested or
72 ordered through such company, or (ii) directly for such company on a
73 periodic basis as assigned by the company; and

74 (B) Been selected and approved by such company.

75 (6) "Certified appraiser" means a person who has satisfied the
76 minimum requirements for a category of certification established by the

77 commission by regulation. Such minimum requirements shall be
78 consistent with guidelines established by the Appraisal Qualification
79 Board of the Appraisal Foundation. The categories of certification shall
80 include, but may be modified by the commission thereafter, one
81 category denoted as "certified residential appraiser" and another
82 denoted as "certified general appraiser".

83 (7) "Commission" means the Connecticut Real Estate Appraisal
84 Commission appointed under the provisions of section 20-502.

85 (8) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Consumer
86 Protection.

87 (9) "Compliance manager" means a person who holds an appraiser
88 certification in at least one state and who is responsible for overseeing
89 the implementation of, and compliance with, procedures for an
90 appraisal management company to:

91 (A) Verify that a person being added to the appraiser panel of the
92 company holds a license in good standing in accordance with section
93 20-509;

94 (B) Maintain detailed records of each appraisal request or order the
95 company receives and of the appraiser who performs such appraisal;
96 and

97 (C) Review on a periodic basis the work of all appraisers performing
98 appraisals for the company to ensure that such appraisals are being
99 conducted in accordance with the USPAP.

100 (10) "Controlling person" means a person who has not had an
101 appraiser license or a similar license or appraiser certificate denied,
102 refused to be renewed, suspended or revoked in any state and who:

103 (A) Is an owner, officer or director of a partnership, association,
104 limited liability company or corporation offering or seeking to offer
105 appraisal management services in this state;

106 (B) Is employed by an appraisal management company and has the
107 authority to enter into contracts or agreements for the performance of
108 appraisal management services or appraisals, or is appointed or
109 authorized by such company to enter into such contracts or agreements;
110 or

111 (C) May exercise authority over or direct the management or policies
112 of an appraisal management company.

113 (11) "Engaging in the real estate appraisal business" means the act or
114 process of estimating the value of real estate for a fee or other valuable
115 consideration.

116 (12) "FIRREA" means the Financial Institutions, Reform, Recovery
117 and Enforcement Act of 1989, P.L. 101-73, 103 Stat. 183.

118 (13) "Person" means an individual.

119 (14) "Provisional appraiser" means a person engaged in the business
120 of estimating the value of real estate for a fee or other valuable
121 consideration under the supervision of a certified real estate appraiser
122 and who meets the minimum requirements, if any, established by the
123 commission by regulation for provisional appraiser status.

124 (15) "Provisional license" means a license issued to a provisional
125 appraiser.

126 (16) "Real estate appraiser" or "appraiser" means a person engaged in
127 the business of estimating the value of real estate for a fee or other
128 valuable consideration.

129 (17) "USPAP" means the Uniform Standards of Professional
130 Appraisal Practice issued by the Appraisal Standards Board of the
131 Appraisal Foundation pursuant to Title XI of FIRREA.

132 Sec. 3. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 20-529 of the general statutes
133 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*

134 1, 2021):

135 (b) Each appraisal management company shall apply to the
136 Commissioner of Consumer Protection, in writing, on a form provided
137 by the commissioner. The application shall include (1) the company's
138 name, business address and telephone number; (2) if such company is
139 domiciled in another state, the name, address and telephone number of
140 the company's agent for service of process in this state, and the Uniform
141 Consent to Service of Process form to be completed by the company; (3)
142 the name, address and telephone number of any person or business
143 entity owning [ten per cent or more of] an equity interest, or the
144 equivalent, of the company; (4) a certification by the company that no
145 person or business entity named in subdivision (3) of this subsection has
146 had an appraiser license or certificate denied, refused to be renewed,
147 suspended or revoked in any state; (5) the name, address and telephone
148 number of a controlling person of the company who will serve as the
149 main contact for communications between the commissioner and the
150 appraisal management company; (6) the name, address and telephone
151 number of a compliance manager of the company; and (7) any other
152 information the commissioner may require. Each such application shall
153 be accompanied by a fee of one thousand dollars.

154 (c) Before issuing or renewing a certificate of registration, the
155 commissioner may:

156 (1) Certify that each appraisal management company applying for a
157 certificate of registration has procedures in place to (A) verify that a
158 person being added to the appraiser panel of the company holds a
159 certificate in good standing in accordance with section 20-509, (B)
160 maintain detailed records of each appraisal request or order it receives
161 and of the appraiser who performs such appraisal, and (C) review on a
162 periodic basis the work of all appraisers performing appraisals for the
163 company, to ensure that such appraisals are being conducted in
164 accordance with the USPAP;

165 (2) Determine to the commissioner's satisfaction that each person

166 owning [more than ten per cent of] an interest in an appraisal
167 management company is of good moral character and such person has
168 submitted to a background investigation, as deemed necessary by the
169 commissioner;

170 (3) Determine to the commissioner's satisfaction that the controlling
171 person (A) has never had an appraiser license or certificate denied,
172 refused to be renewed, suspended or revoked in any state, (B) is of good
173 moral character, and (C) has submitted to a background investigation,
174 as deemed necessary by the commissioner; and

175 (4) Determine to the commissioner's satisfaction that each appraisal
176 management company compensates appraisers in compliance with the
177 federal Truth-in-Lending Act, 15 USC Section 1639e(i), as amended from
178 time to time.

179 Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 20-529b of the general statutes is
180 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
181 *2021*):

182 (a) No appraisal management company applying for a certificate of
183 registration shall:

184 (1) Be owned by any person who has had an appraiser license or
185 certificate denied, refused to be renewed, suspended or revoked in any
186 state;

187 (2) Be owned by any partnership, association, limited liability
188 company or corporation [that is more than ten per cent owned by] in
189 which an ownership interest is held by any person who has had an
190 appraiser license or certificate denied, refused to be renewed,
191 suspended or revoked in any state;

192 (3) Employ any person to perform job functions related to the
193 ordering, preparation, performance or review of appraisals who has had
194 an appraiser license or certificate denied, refused to be renewed,
195 suspended or revoked; or

196 (4) Enter into any contract, agreement or other business arrangement,
197 written or oral, for the procurement of appraisal services in this state,
198 with (A) any person who has had an appraiser license or certificate
199 denied, refused to be renewed, suspended or revoked, or (B) any
200 partnership, association, limited liability company or corporation that
201 employs or has entered into any contract, agreement or other business
202 arrangement, whether oral, written or any other form, with any person
203 who has had an appraiser license or certificate denied, refused to be
204 renewed, suspended or revoked.

205 Sec. 5. Subsection (c) of section 20-517 of the general statutes is
206 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
207 *2021*):

208 (c) Persons certified or provisionally licensed in accordance with the
209 provisions of sections 20-500 to 20-528, inclusive, as amended by this
210 act, shall fulfill a continuing education requirement. Applicants for an
211 annual renewal certification or provisional license shall, in addition to
212 the other requirements imposed by the provisions of said sections,
213 biennially within any even-numbered year submit proof of compliance
214 with the continuing education requirements of this subsection, if any, to
215 the commission, [, accompanied by a sixteen-dollar processing fee] Each
216 such applicant shall pay an eight-dollar continuing education
217 processing fee annually to cover the costs associated with the review
218 and auditing of continuing education submissions under this section.

219 Sec. 6. Section 20-295b of the general statutes is repealed and the
220 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

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

226 (b) An architect licensed in this state may perform the work of an

227 interior designer, as prescribed in chapter 396a.

228 Sec. 7. Section 20-292 of the general statutes is repealed and the
229 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

230 (a) Each licensed architect shall renew his or her license annually.
231 Pursuant to section 20-289, a licensee shall pay to the department the
232 professional services fee for class F, as defined in section 33-182l and
233 shall submit proof of, or attest to, completion of continuing education
234 requirements.

235 (b) Each corporation holding a certificate of authorization for the
236 practice of architecture shall renew its certificate of authorization for the
237 practice of architecture each year and pay to the department a renewal
238 fee of two hundred twenty dollars.

239 (c) An applicant for examination or reexamination under this chapter
240 shall pay a nonrefundable fee of seventy-two dollars and an amount
241 sufficient to meet the cost of conducting each portion of the examination
242 taken by such applicant. The fee for an applicant who qualifies for a
243 license, other than by examination, in accordance with the provisions of
244 section 20-291, shall be one hundred dollars.

245 (d) Pursuant to section 20-289, an architect who is retired and not
246 practicing any aspect of architecture and who is (1) sixty-five years of
247 age or older, or (2) has been licensed for a minimum of ten years in this
248 state, may apply for registration as an Architect Emeritus. The fee for
249 such registration shall be ten dollars. An Architect Emeritus may not
250 engage in the practice of architecture without applying for and receiving
251 an architect license.

252 (e) For renewal of a license under this section, other than under
253 subsection (d) of this section, an applicant shall submit proof or attest
254 that he or she has completed twelve hours of continuing professional
255 education during the continuing professional education period. The
256 continuing professional education period shall commence three
257 calendar months prior to the license expiration date and shall run for a

258 period of twelve months from the date of commencement.

259 (f) (1) For renewal of a license under this section, the department shall
260 charge the following fees for failure to earn continuing professional
261 education credits by the end of the continuing professional education
262 period:

263 (A) Three hundred fifteen dollars for reporting on a renewal
264 application that any of the minimum of twelve hours of continuing
265 professional education was earned up to thirteen weeks following the
266 end of the continuing professional education period; and

267 (B) Six hundred twenty-five dollars for reporting on a renewal
268 application that any of the minimum of twelve hours of continuing
269 professional education was earned for more than thirteen weeks and up
270 to twenty-six weeks following the end of the continuing professional
271 education period.

272 (2) Failure, on the part of a licensee under this section to comply with
273 the continuing professional education requirements for more than
274 twenty-six weeks beyond the continuing professional education period
275 may result in the suspension, revocation or refusal to renew the license
276 by the board or department, following an administrative hearing held
277 pursuant to chapter 54.

278 Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 20-452 of the general statutes is
279 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
280 *passage*):

281 (a) Any person seeking a certificate of registration as a community
282 association manager or as a community association manager trainee
283 shall apply to the department in writing, on a form provided by the
284 department. Such application shall include the applicant's name,
285 residence address, business address, business telephone number, a
286 question as to whether the applicant has been convicted of a felony in
287 any state or jurisdiction and such other information as the department
288 may require. Except for a community association manager trainee, any

289 person seeking an initial certificate of registration shall submit to a
290 request by the commissioner for a state and national criminal history
291 records check, conducted in accordance with the provisions of section
292 29-17a. No registration as a community association manager shall be
293 issued unless the commissioner has received the results of such records
294 check.

295 Sec. 9. Section 20-453 of the general statutes is repealed and the
296 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

297 (a) Upon receipt of a completed application and the appropriate fees,
298 the department, upon authorization of the commission, shall: (1) Issue
299 and deliver to the applicant a certificate of registration; or (2) refuse to
300 issue the certificate. The commission may suspend, revoke or refuse to
301 issue or renew any certificate issued under sections 20-450 to 20-462,
302 inclusive, or may place a registrant on probation or issue a letter of
303 reprimand for any of the reasons stated in section 20-456. No application
304 for the reinstatement of a certificate which has been revoked shall be
305 accepted by the department within one year after the date of such
306 revocation.

307 (b) Any person issued an initial certificate of registration as a
308 community association manager prior to October 1, 2019, shall, not later
309 than one year following the date of issuance of such certificate,
310 successfully complete a nationally recognized course on community
311 association management and pass the National Board of Certification
312 for Community Association Managers' Certified Manager of
313 Community Associations examination, or a similar examination as may
314 be prescribed by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection in
315 regulations adopted pursuant to subsection [(c)] (d) of this section.

316 (c) Any person applying for an initial certificate of registration as a
317 community association manager shall successfully complete a
318 nationally recognized course on community association management
319 and pass the National Board of Certification for Community Association
320 Managers' Certified Manager of Community Associations examination,

321 or a similar examination as may be prescribed by the Commissioner of
322 Consumer Protection in regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (d)
323 of this section, prior to being issued such certificate.

324 [(c)] (d) The department, with the advice and assistance of the
325 commission, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54,
326 concerning any examination required for certification under this chapter
327 and the approval of schools, institutions or organizations offering
328 courses in current practices and laws concerning community association
329 management and the content of such courses. Such regulations shall
330 include, but not be limited to: (1) Specifications for meeting the
331 educational requirements prescribed in this section; and (2) exemptions
332 from the educational requirements for reasons of health or instances of
333 individual hardship. In adopting such regulations, the department may
334 not disapprove a school, institution or organization that offers an
335 examination or courses in current practices and laws concerning
336 community association management solely because its examination or
337 courses are offered or taught by electronic means, nor may the
338 department disapprove an examination or course solely because it is
339 offered or taught by electronic means.

340 [(d)] (e) An applicant for renewal of registration as a community
341 association manager shall, in addition to the other requirements
342 imposed by the provisions of this chapter, complete sixteen hours of
343 continuing education over the course of the two-year period, retain
344 proof of completion, and, upon request, provide such proof to the
345 department. Continuing education shall consist of a course or courses,
346 offered by the Connecticut Chapter of the Community Associations
347 Institute, in community association management techniques and
348 common interest community law, or similar courses as may be
349 prescribed by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection in regulations
350 adopted pursuant to this chapter.

351 Sec. 10. Section 20-457 of the general statutes is repealed and the
352 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

353 (a) Each community association manager shall (1) exhibit his or her
354 certificate of registration upon request by any interested party, (2) state
355 in any advertisement the fact that he or she is registered, and (3) include
356 his or her registration number in any advertisement. In the case of a
357 business entity, the advertisement shall identify at least one principal,
358 officer or director of the entity that is a community association manager
359 and shall include the registration number of such principal, officer or
360 director.

361 (b) No person shall: (1) Present or attempt to present, as his or her
362 own, the certificate of another, (2) knowingly give false evidence of a
363 material nature to the commission or department for the purpose of
364 procuring a certificate, (3) represent himself or herself falsely as, or
365 impersonate, a registered community association manager, (4) use or
366 attempt to use a certificate which has expired or which has been
367 suspended or revoked, (5) offer to provide association management
368 services without having a current certificate of registration under
369 sections 20-450 to 20-462, inclusive, (6) represent in any manner that his
370 or her registration constitutes an endorsement of the quality of his or
371 her services or of his or her competency by the commission or
372 department. In addition to any other remedy provided for in sections
373 20-450 to 20-462, inclusive, any person who violates any provision of
374 this subsection shall, after an administrative hearing, be fined not more
375 than one thousand dollars, or shall be imprisoned for not more than one
376 year or be both fined and imprisoned. A violation of any of the
377 provisions of sections 20-450 to 20-462, inclusive, shall be deemed an
378 unfair or deceptive trade practice under subsection (a) of section 42-
379 110b.

380 (c) Certificates issued to community association managers shall not
381 be transferable or assignable.

382 (d) All certificates issued to community association managers under
383 the provisions of sections 20-450 to 20-462, inclusive, shall expire
384 annually on the thirty-first day of January. A holder of a certificate of
385 registration who seeks to renew his or her certificate shall, when filing

386 an application for renewal of the certificate, submit documentation to
387 the department which establishes that he or she has passed any
388 examination and completed any educational coursework, as the case
389 may be, required for certification under this chapter. The fee for renewal
390 of a certificate shall be two hundred dollars.

391 [(e) A community association manager whose certificate has expired
392 more than one month before his or her application for renewal is made
393 shall have his or her registration restored upon payment of a fee of fifty
394 dollars in addition to his or her renewal fee. Restoration of a registration
395 shall be effective upon approval of the application for renewal by the
396 commission or department.

397 (f) A certificate shall not be restored unless it is renewed not later than
398 one year after its expiration.]

399 [(g)] (e) Failure to receive a notice of expiration or a renewal
400 application shall not exempt a community association manager from the
401 obligation to renew.

402 [(h)] (f) All certificates issued to community association manager
403 trainees under the provisions of sections 20-450 to 20-462, inclusive,
404 shall expire six months from the date of issuance and shall not be
405 renewable.

406 Sec. 11. Section 21a-190l of the general statutes is repealed and the
407 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

408 (a) The commissioner may deny, suspend or revoke the registration
409 of any charitable organization, fund-raising counsel or paid solicitor
410 which has violated any provision of this section and sections 21a-190a
411 to [21a-190l] 21a-190k, inclusive. [The commissioner may accept a
412 written assurance of compliance when said commissioner determines
413 that a violation of said sections is such that the public interest would not
414 be served by a denial, suspension or revocation of such registration.]

415 (b) The Attorney General, at the request of the commissioner, may

416 apply to the Superior Court for, and the court may grant, a temporary
417 injunction or a permanent injunction to restrain violations of this section
418 and sections 21a-190a to [21a-190l] 21a-190k, inclusive, the appointment
419 of a receiver, an order of restitution, an accounting and such other relief
420 as may be appropriate to ensure the due application of charitable funds.
421 Proceedings thereon shall be brought in the name of the state.

422 (c) Any person who knowingly violates any provision of this section
423 and sections 21a-190a to [21a-190l] 21a-190k, inclusive, shall be fined not
424 more than five thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than one year,
425 or both.

426 (d) In any action brought under subsection (b) of this section, if the
427 court finds that a person has wilfully engaged in conduct prohibited by
428 section 21a-190h, the Attorney General, upon petition to the court, may
429 recover, on behalf of the state, a civil penalty of not more than two
430 thousand five hundred dollars for each violation. For purposes of this
431 subsection, a wilful violation occurs when the party committing the
432 violation knew or should have known that such conduct was prohibited
433 by section 21a-190h.

434 Sec. 12. Section 43-8a of the general statutes is repealed and the
435 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

436 The Commissioner of Weights and Measures shall adopt regulations,
437 in accordance with chapter 54, [incorporating, by reference, the
438 voluntary version of the Uniform Open Dating Regulation, as adopted
439 and as amended from time to time, by the National Conference on
440 Weights and Measures and published in the National Institute of
441 Standards and Technology Handbook 130, or subsequent
442 corresponding handbook of the United States Department of
443 Commerce] to prescribe uniform date labeling for foods. Dairy foods
444 required to be marked with a last sale date pursuant to section 22-197b
445 shall be exempt from the provisions of this section.

446 Sec. 13. Section 21a-2 of the general statutes is repealed and the

447 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

448 (a) A toll-free telephone line, available to consumers throughout the
449 state, shall be established in the Department of Consumer Protection for
450 the handling of consumer inquiries and complaints concerning
451 consumer goods or services in the state or any other matter within the
452 jurisdiction of the department and its licensing and regulatory boards.
453 The line shall be in operation from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday
454 through Friday each week, exclusive of those legal holidays on which
455 state offices are closed, and shall be restricted to incoming calls.

456 (b) The Department of Consumer Protection shall process the intake
457 of consumer complaints concerning consumer goods or services in the
458 state and any other matter within the jurisdiction of the department. In
459 order to assist in the resolution of consumer complaints, the department
460 may notify, in writing, the respondent against whom a complaint was
461 received of the allegations against them and require a written response
462 be provided to the department not later than thirty days of receipt of
463 such notice.

464 (c) For purposes of this section, "credential holder" means a person
465 certified, licensed, permitted or registered with the Department of
466 Consumer Protection. In the event the department provides written
467 notice to a respondent who is not a credential holder that a complaint
468 has been filed against him or her, and said respondent fails to respond
469 after receipt of such notice, the respondent may be fined not more than
470 two hundred fifty dollars for failure to respond to the department.
471 Written notice for purposes of this section shall include notice sent by
472 registered or certified mail or hand-delivered to a respondent.

473 (d) All notices of administrative enforcement actions, including
474 compliance meetings and hearings, shall be in writing and shall comply
475 with the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of section 4-177 and
476 subsection (c) of section 4-182. A notice of administrative enforcement
477 action shall be delivered to all designated parties and intervenors who
478 are not credential holders, or their authorized representative: (1)

479 Personally, (2) by United States mail, with delivery tracking or via
480 certified mail, or (3) via electronic mail with tracking and delivery
481 confirmation. Delivery of administrative enforcement action notices
482 shall be deemed effective notice if delivered or sent to a credential
483 holder's last known address or electronic mail address of record on file
484 with the department. If the party is not a credential holder, service shall
485 be deemed sufficient, provided the department has made reasonable
486 efforts to effectuate notice, including, but not limited to, by verifying the
487 mailing address with the Secretary of the State or the Department of
488 Motor Vehicles.

489 Sec. 14. Subsection (a) of section 21a-7 of the general statutes is
490 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
491 *passage*):

492 (a) Each board or commission within the Department of Consumer
493 Protection under section 21a-6 shall have the following powers and
494 duties:

495 (1) Each board or commission shall exercise its statutory functions,
496 including licensing, certification, registration, accreditation of schools
497 and the rendering of findings, orders and adjudications. With the
498 exception of the Liquor Control Commission, any exercise of such
499 functions by such a board or commission that is adverse to a party shall
500 be a proposed decision and subject to approval, modification or
501 rejection by the commissioner.

502 (2) Each board or commission may, in its discretion, issue (A) an
503 appropriate order to any person found to be violating an applicable
504 statute or regulation providing for the immediate discontinuance of the
505 violation, (B) an order requiring the violator to make restitution for any
506 damage caused by the violation, or (C) both. Each board or commission
507 may, through the Attorney General, petition the superior court for the
508 judicial district wherein the violation occurred, or wherein the person
509 committing the violation resides or transacts business, for the
510 enforcement of any order issued by it and for appropriate temporary

511 relief or a restraining order and shall certify and file in the court a
512 transcript of the entire record of the hearing or hearings, including all
513 testimony upon which such order was made and the findings and
514 orders made by the board or commission. The court may grant such
515 relief by injunction or otherwise, including temporary relief, as it deems
516 equitable and may make and enter a decree enforcing, modifying and
517 enforcing as so modified, or setting aside, in whole or in part, any order
518 of a board or commission.

519 (3) Each board or commission may conduct hearings on any matter
520 within its statutory jurisdiction. Such hearings shall be conducted in
521 accordance with chapter 54 and the regulations established pursuant to
522 subsection (a) of section 21a-9. In connection with any such hearing, the
523 board or commission may administer oaths, issue subpoenas, compel
524 testimony and order the production of books, records and documents.
525 If any person refuses to appear, testify or produce any book, record or
526 document when so ordered, a judge of the Superior Court may make
527 such order as may be appropriate to aid in the enforcement of this
528 section.

529 (4) Each board or commission may request the Commissioner of
530 Consumer Protection to conduct an investigation and to make findings
531 and recommendations regarding any matter within the statutory
532 jurisdiction of the board or commission.

533 (5) Each board or commission may recommend rules and regulations
534 for adoption by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection and may
535 review and comment upon proposed rules and regulations prior to their
536 adoption by said commissioner.

537 (6) Each board or commission shall meet at least once in each quarter
538 of a calendar year and at such other times as the chairperson or the
539 Commissioner of Consumer Protection deems necessary. A majority of
540 the members shall constitute a quorum, except that for any examining
541 board, forty per cent of the members shall constitute a quorum. Any
542 member who fails to attend three consecutive meetings or who fails to

543 attend fifty per cent of all meetings during any calendar year shall be
544 deemed to have resigned from office. Members of boards or
545 commissions shall not serve for more than two consecutive full terms
546 which commence on or after July 1, 1982, except that if no successor has
547 been appointed or approved, such member shall continue to serve until
548 a successor is appointed or approved. Members shall not be
549 compensated for their services but shall be reimbursed for necessary
550 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

551 (7) In addition to any other action permitted under the general
552 statutes, each board or commission may, upon a finding of any cause
553 specified in subsection (c) of section 21a-9: (A) Revoke, place conditions
554 upon or suspend a license, registration or certificate; (B) issue a letter of
555 reprimand to a practitioner and send a copy of such letter to a
556 complainant or to a state or local official; (C) place a practitioner on
557 probationary status and require the practitioner to (i) report regularly to
558 the department, board or commission on the matter which is the basis
559 for probation, (ii) limit the practitioner's practice to areas prescribed by
560 the board or commission, or (iii) continue or renew the practitioner's
561 education until the practitioner has attained a satisfactory level of
562 competence in any area which is the basis for probation; or (D) impose
563 a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars per violation. Each board or
564 commission may discontinue, suspend or rescind any action taken
565 under this subsection.

566 (8) Each examining board within the Department of Consumer
567 Protection or the Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall conduct
568 any hearing or other action required for an application submitted
569 pursuant to section 20-333 and any completed renewal application
570 submitted pursuant to section 20-335 not later than (A) thirty days after
571 the date of submission for such application or completed renewal
572 application, as applicable, or (B) a period of time deemed appropriate
573 by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, but not to exceed sixty
574 days after such date of submission.

575 Sec. 15. Subsection (c) of section 21a-8 of the general statutes is

576 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
577 *passage*):

578 (c) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall have the
579 following powers and duties with regard to each board or commission
580 within the Department of Consumer Protection under section 21a-6:

581 (1) The commissioner shall, in consultation with each board or
582 commission, exercise the functions of licensing, certification,
583 registration, accreditation of schools and the rendering of findings,
584 orders and adjudications.

585 (2) The commissioner may, in the commissioner's discretion, issue an
586 appropriate order to any person found to be violating any statute or
587 regulation within the jurisdiction of such board or commission
588 providing for the immediate discontinuance of the violation or
589 requiring the violator to make restitution for any damage caused by the
590 violation, or both. The commissioner may, through the Attorney
591 General, petition the superior court for the judicial district in which the
592 violation occurred, or in which the person committing the violation
593 resides or transacts business, for the enforcement of any order issued by
594 the commissioner under this subdivision and for appropriate temporary
595 relief or a restraining order. The commissioner shall certify and file in
596 the court a transcript of the entire record of the hearing or hearings,
597 including all testimony upon which such order was made and the
598 findings and orders made by the commissioner. The court may grant
599 such relief by injunction or otherwise, including temporary relief, as the
600 court deems equitable and may make and enter a decree enforcing,
601 modifying and enforcing as so modified, or setting aside, in whole or in
602 part, any order of the commissioner issued under this subdivision.

603 (3) The commissioner may conduct hearings on any matter within the
604 statutory jurisdiction of such board or commission. Such hearings shall
605 be conducted in accordance with chapter 54 and the regulations adopted
606 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 21a-9. In connection with any such
607 hearing, the commissioner may administer oaths, issue subpoenas,

608 compel testimony and order the production of books, records and
609 documents. If any person refuses to appear, testify or produce any book,
610 record or document when so ordered, a judge of the Superior Court may
611 make such order as may be appropriate to aid in the enforcement of this
612 subdivision.

613 (4) In addition to any other action permitted under the general
614 statutes, the commissioner may, upon a finding of any cause specified
615 in subsection (c) of section 21a-9: (A) Revoke, place conditions upon or
616 suspend a license, registration or certificate; (B) issue a letter of
617 reprimand to a practitioner and send a copy of such letter to a
618 complainant or to a state or local official; (C) place a practitioner on
619 probationary status and require the practitioner to (i) report regularly to
620 the commissioner on the matter which is the basis for probation, (ii) limit
621 the practitioner's practice to areas prescribed by the commissioner, or
622 (iii) continue or renew the practitioner's education until the practitioner
623 has attained a satisfactory level of competence in any area which is the
624 basis for probation; or (D) impose a fine not exceeding one thousand
625 dollars per violation. The commissioner may discontinue, suspend or
626 rescind any action taken under this subdivision. If a license, registration
627 or certificate is voluntarily surrendered or is not renewed, the
628 commissioner shall not be prohibited from suspending, revoking or
629 imposing other penalties permitted by law on any such license,
630 registration or certificate.

631 Sec. 16. Section 21a-10 of the general statutes is repealed and the
632 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

633 (a) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may establish,
634 combine or abolish divisions, sections or other units within the
635 Department of Consumer Protection and allocate powers, duties and
636 functions among such units, but no function vested by statute in any
637 officer, division, board, agency or other unit within the department shall
638 be removed from the jurisdiction of such officer, division, board, agency
639 or other unit under the provisions of this section.

640 (b) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall adopt
641 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to designate a staggered
642 schedule for the renewal of all licenses, certificates, registrations and
643 permits issued by said department. If such designation of a staggered
644 schedule results in the expiration of any license, certificate, registration
645 or permit for a period of less than or more than one year, said
646 commissioner may charge a prorated amount for such license,
647 certificate, registration or permit. For any new license, certificate,
648 registration or permit that is issued and for any guaranty fund fee that
649 is imposed on or after January 1, 1995, the commissioner may charge a
650 one-time prorated amount for such newly issued license, certificate,
651 registration, permit or guaranty fund fee.

652 (c) For any Department of Consumer Protection license, certificate,
653 registration or permit that requires the holder to complete continuing
654 education requirements, the continuing education requirements shall be
655 completed within the annual or biannual period that begins and ends
656 three months prior to the renewal date for the applicable license,
657 certificate, registration or permit, except for licenses issued pursuant to
658 chapter 400j.

659 Sec. 17. Section 21a-11 of the general statutes is repealed and the
660 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

661 (a) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may, subject to the
662 provisions of chapter 67, employ such agents and assistants as are
663 necessary to enforce the provisions of the general statutes wherein said
664 commissioner is empowered to carry out the duties and responsibilities
665 assigned to him or his department. For the purpose of inquiring into any
666 suspected violation of such provisions, the commissioner and his
667 deputy and assistants shall have free access, at all reasonable hours, to
668 all places and premises, homes and apartments of private families
669 keeping no boarders excepted. The commissioner and his or her deputy
670 or assistants shall have the authority to issue citations pursuant to
671 section 51-164n, as amended by this act, for violations for the purpose
672 of enforcing such provisions. The commissioner may delegate his or her

673 authority to render a final decision in a contested case to a hearing
674 officer employed by, or contracted with, the department.

675 (b) On the tender of the market price, the commissioner or his deputy
676 may take from any person, firm or corporation samples of any article
677 which he suspects is sold, offered for sale, kept with intent to sell, made
678 or manufactured contrary to any provision of this chapter or related
679 chapters under the jurisdiction of said commissioner. He may analyze
680 such samples or have them analyzed by a state chemist or by an
681 experiment station or by the laboratories of the Department of Public
682 Health, and a sworn or affirmed certificate by such analyst shall be
683 prima facie evidence of the ingredients and constituents of the samples
684 analyzed. If such analysis shows that any such sample does not conform
685 to the requirements of law, and gives the commissioner or his deputy
686 reasonable grounds for believing that any provision of this chapter or
687 related chapters under his jurisdiction has been violated, he shall cause
688 such violator to be prosecuted. Any person who refuses the access
689 provided for herein to the commissioner, his deputy or assistants, or
690 who refuses to sell the samples provided for herein, shall be guilty of a
691 class D misdemeanor. Evidence of violation of any provision of this
692 section shall be prima facie evidence of wilful violation.

693 (c) The commissioner may, subject to the provisions of chapter 54,
694 revoke, suspend, [or] place conditions upon, deny or impose a fine not
695 exceeding one thousand dollars per violation with regard to any license
696 or registration issued by the department in the event that such licensee
697 or registrant, including, but not limited to, an owner of any business
698 entity holding such license or registration, owes moneys to any
699 guaranty fund or account maintained or used by the department,
700 including, but not limited to, the Home Improvement Guaranty Fund
701 established pursuant to section 20-432, the New Home Construction
702 Guaranty Fund established pursuant to section 20-417i, the Connecticut
703 Health Club Guaranty Fund established pursuant to section 21a-226, the
704 Real Estate Guaranty Fund established pursuant to section 20-324a and
705 the privacy protection guaranty and enforcement account established

706 pursuant to section 42-472a.

707 (d) In addition to any other action permitted under the general
708 statutes, the commissioner may, upon a finding of a violation: (1)
709 Revoke, place conditions upon or suspend a license, registration or
710 certificate; (2) issue a letter of reprimand to the holder of a license,
711 registration or certificate and send a copy of such letter to a complainant
712 or to a state or local official; (3) place the holder of a license, registration
713 or certificate on probationary status and require the holder to (A) report
714 regularly to the commissioner on the matter which is the basis for
715 probation, (B) limit the holder's practice to areas prescribed by the
716 commissioner, or (C) continue or renew the holder's education until the
717 holder of a license, registration or certificate has attained a satisfactory
718 level of competence in any area which is the basis for probation; or (4)
719 impose a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars per violation. The
720 commissioner may discontinue, suspend or rescind any action taken
721 under this subsection. If a license, registration or certificate is
722 voluntarily surrendered or is not renewed, the commissioner shall not
723 be prohibited from suspending, revoking or imposing other penalties
724 permitted by law on any such license, registration or certificate.

725 Sec. 18. Subsection (b) of section 51-164n of the general statutes is
726 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
727 *passage*):

728 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, any person
729 who is alleged to have committed (1) a violation under the provisions of
730 section 1-9, 1-10, 1-11, 4b-13, 7-13, 7-14, 7-35, 7-41, 7-83, 7-283, 7-325, 7-
731 393, 8-12, 8-25, 8-27, 9-63, 9-322, 9-350, 10-193, 10-197, 10-198, 10-230, 10-
732 251, 10-254, 12-52, 12-170aa, 12-292, 12-314b or 12-326g, subdivision (4)
733 of section 12-408, subdivision (3), (5) or (6) of section 12-411, section 12-
734 435c, 12-476a, 12-476b, 12-487, 13a-71, 13a-107, 13a-113, 13a-114, 13a-115,
735 13a-117b, 13a-123, 13a-124, 13a-139, 13a-140, 13a-143b, 13a-247 or 13a-
736 253, subsection (f) of section 13b-42, section 13b-90, 13b-221, 13b-292,
737 13b-336, 13b-337, 13b-338, 13b-410a, 13b-410b or 13b-410c, subsection
738 (a), (b) or (c) of section 13b-412, section 13b-414, subsection (d) of section

739 14-12, section 14-20a or 14-27a, subsection (f) of section 14-34a,
740 subsection (d) of section 14-35, section 14-43, 14-49, 14-50a or 14-58,
741 subsection (b) of section 14-66, section 14-66a or 14-67a, subsection (g)
742 of section 14-80, subsection (f) of section 14-80h, section 14-97a, 14-100b,
743 14-103a, 14-106a, 14-106c, 14-146, 14-152, 14-153 or 14-163b, a first
744 violation as specified in subsection (f) of section 14-164i, section 14-219
745 as specified in subsection (e) of said section, subdivision (1) of section
746 14-223a, section 14-240, 14-250 or 14-253a, subsection (a) of section 14-
747 261a, section 14-262, 14-264, 14-267a, 14-269, 14-270, 14-275a, 14-278 or
748 14-279, subsection (e) or (h) of section 14-283, section 14-291, 14-293b, 14-
749 296aa, 14-300, 14-300d, 14-319, 14-320, 14-321, 14-325a, 14-326, 14-330 or
750 14-332a, subdivision (1), (2) or (3) of section 14-386a, section 15-25 or 15-
751 33, subdivision (1) of section 15-97, subsection (a) of section 15-115,
752 section 16-44, 16-256e, 16a-15 or 16a-22, subsection (a) or (b) of section
753 16a-22h, section 17a-24, 17a-145, 17a-149, 17a-152, 17a-465, 17b-124, 17b-
754 131, 17b-137, 19a-30, 19a-33, 19a-39 or 19a-87, subsection (b) of section
755 19a-87a, section 19a-91, 19a-105, 19a-107, 19a-113, 19a-215, 19a-219, 19a-
756 222, 19a-224, 19a-286, 19a-287, 19a-297, 19a-301, 19a-309, 19a-335, 19a-
757 336, 19a-338, 19a-339, 19a-340, 19a-425, 19a-502, 20-7a, 20-14, 20-158, 20-
758 231, 20-249, 20-257, 20-265, 20-324e, subsection (b) of section 20-334,
759 section 20-341l, 20-366, 20-597, 20-608, 20-610, 21-1, 21-38, 21-39, 21-43,
760 21-47, 21-48, 21-63, subsection (d) of section 21-71, as amended by this
761 act, or section 21-76a, subsection (c) of section 21a-2, as amended by this
762 act, subdivision (1) of section 21a-19, section 21a-21, subdivision (1) of
763 subsection (b) of section 21a-25, section 21a-26 or 21a-30, subsection (a)
764 of section 21a-37, section 21a-46, 21a-61, 21a-63 or 21a-77, subsection (b)
765 of section 21a-79, section 21a-85 or 21a-154, subdivision (1) of subsection
766 (a) of section 21a-159, subsection (a) of section 21a-279a, section 22-12b,
767 22-13, 22-14, 22-15, 22-16, 22-26g, 22-29, 22-34, 22-35, 22-36, 22-38, 22-39,
768 22-39a, 22-39b, 22-39c, 22-39d, 22-39e, 22-49 or 22-54, subsection (f) of
769 section 22-61m, subsection (d) of section 22-84, section 22-89, 22-90, 22-
770 98, 22-99, 22-100, 22-111o, 22-167, 22-279, 22-280a, 22-318a, 22-320h, 22-
771 324a, 22-326 or 22-342, subsection (b), (e) or (f) of section 22-344, section
772 22-359, 22-366, 22-391, 22-413, 22-414, 22-415, 22a-66a or 22a-246,
773 subsection (a) of section 22a-250, subsection (e) of section 22a-256h,

774 section 22a-363 or 22a-381d, subsections (c) and (d) of section 22a-381e,
775 section 22a-449, 22a-461, 23-38, 23-46 or 23-61b, subsection (a) or
776 subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 23-65, section 25-37 or 25-40,
777 subsection (a) of section 25-43, section 25-43d, 25-135, 26-18, 26-19, 26-
778 21, 26-31, 26-40, 26-40a, 26-42, 26-49, 26-54, 26-55, 26-56, 26-58 or 26-59,
779 subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 26-61, section 26-64,
780 subdivision (1) of section 26-76, section 26-79, 26-87, 26-89, 26-91, 26-94,
781 26-97, 26-98, 26-104, 26-105, 26-107, 26-117, 26-128, 26-131, 26-132, 26-138
782 or 26-141, subdivision (1) of section 26-186, section 26-207, 26-215, 26-
783 217 or 26-224a, subdivision (1) of section 26-226, section 26-227, 26-230,
784 26-232, 26-244, 26-257a, 26-260, 26-276, 26-284, 26-285, 26-286, 26-288, 26-
785 294, 28-13, 29-6a, 29-25, 29-143o, 29-143z or 29-156a, subsection (b), (d),
786 (e) or (g) of section 29-161q, section 29-161y or 29-161z, subdivision (1)
787 of section 29-198, section 29-210, 29-243 or 29-277, subsection (c) of
788 section 29-291c, section 29-316, 29-318, 29-381, 30-48a, 30-86a, 31-3, 31-
789 10, 31-11, 31-12, 31-13, 31-14, 31-15, 31-16, 31-18, 31-23, 31-24, 31-25, 31-
790 32, 31-36, 31-38, 31-40, 31-44, 31-47, 31-48, 31-51, 31-52, 31-52a or 31-54,
791 subsection (a) or (c) of section 31-69, section 31-70, 31-74, 31-75, 31-76,
792 31-76a, 31-89b or 31-134, subsection (i) of section 31-273, section 31-288,
793 subdivision (1) of section 35-20, section 36a-787, 42-230, 45a-283, 45a-
794 450, 45a-634 or 45a-658, subdivision (13) or (14) of section 46a-54, section
795 46a-59, 46b-22, 46b-24, 46b-34, 47-34a, 47-47, 49-8a, 49-16, 53-133, 53-199,
796 53-212a, 53-249a, 53-252, 53-264, 53-280, 53-302a, 53-303e, 53-311a, 53-
797 321, 53-322, 53-323, 53-331 or 53-344, subsection (c) of section 53-344b, or
798 section 53-450, or (2) a violation under the provisions of chapter 268, or
799 (3) a violation of any regulation adopted in accordance with the
800 provisions of section 12-484, 12-487 or 13b-410, or (4) a violation of any
801 ordinance, regulation or bylaw of any town, city or borough, except
802 violations of building codes and the health code, for which the penalty
803 exceeds ninety dollars but does not exceed two hundred fifty dollars,
804 unless such town, city or borough has established a payment and
805 hearing procedure for such violation pursuant to section 7-152c, shall
806 follow the procedures set forth in this section.

807 Sec. 19. Subdivision (5) of section 20-670 of the general statutes is

808 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
809 *passage*):

810 (5) "Comprehensive background check" means a background
811 investigation of a prospective employee performed by a homemaker-
812 companion agency, that includes: (A) A review of any application
813 materials prepared or requested by the agency and completed by the
814 prospective employee; (B) an in-person or video-conference interview
815 of the prospective employee; (C) verification of a completed United
816 States Citizenship and Immigration Services Form I-9; (D) verification
817 of the prospective employee's Social Security number; [(D)] (E) if the
818 position applied for within the agency requires licensure on the part of
819 the prospective employee, verification that the required license is in
820 good standing; [(E)] (F) a check of the registry established and
821 maintained pursuant to section 54-257; [(F)] a review of criminal
822 conviction information obtained through a search of current criminal
823 matters of public record in this state based on the prospective
824 employee's name and date of birth;] (G) a local and national criminal
825 background check of criminal matters of public record based on the
826 prospective employee's name and date of birth that includes a search of
827 a multistate and multi-jurisdiction criminal record locator or other
828 similar commercial nationwide database with validation, and a search
829 of the United States Department of Justice National Sex Offender Public
830 Website, conducted by a third-party consumer reporting agency or
831 background screening company that is accredited by the Professional
832 Background Screening Association and in compliance with the federal
833 Fair Credit Reporting Act; (H) if the prospective employee has resided
834 in this state less than three years prior to the date of the application with
835 the agency, a review of criminal conviction information from the state
836 or states where such prospective employee resided during such three-
837 year period; and [(H)] (I) a review of any other information that the
838 agency deems necessary in order to evaluate the suitability of the
839 prospective employee for the position.

840 Sec. 20. Section 20-672 of the general statutes is repealed and the

841 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

842 (a) Any person seeking a certificate of registration as a homemaker-
843 companion agency shall apply to the Commissioner of Consumer
844 Protection, in writing, on a form provided by the commissioner. The
845 application shall include the applicant's name, residence address,
846 business address, business telephone number and such other
847 information as the commissioner may require. An applicant shall also
848 be required to submit to state and national criminal history records
849 checks in accordance with section 29-17a and to certify under oath to the
850 commissioner that: (1) Such agency complies with the requirements of
851 section 20-678, as amended by this act, concerning employee
852 comprehensive background checks, (2) such agency provides all
853 persons receiving homemaker or companion services with a written
854 individualized contract or service plan that specifically identifies the
855 anticipated scope, type, frequency and duration of homemaker or
856 companion services provided by the agency to the person, (3) such
857 agency maintains a surety bond or an insurance policy in an amount of
858 not less than ten thousand dollars coverage, which coverage shall
859 include theft by an employee of such agency from a person for whom
860 homemaker or companion services are provided by the agency, and (4)
861 all records maintained by such agency shall be open, at all reasonable
862 hours, for inspection, copying or audit by the commissioner.

863 (b) Each application for a certificate of registration as a homemaker-
864 companion agency shall be accompanied by a fee of three [seventy-five]
865 hundred seventy-five dollars.

866 (c) Upon the failure by a homemaker-companion agency to comply
867 with the registration provisions of this section, the Attorney General, at
868 the request of the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, is authorized
869 to apply in the name of the state of Connecticut to the Superior Court
870 for an order temporarily or permanently restraining and enjoining a
871 homemaker-companion agency from continuing to do business in the
872 state.

873 Sec. 21. Section 20-678 of the general statutes is repealed and the
874 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

875 [On or after January 1, 2012, each] (a) On and after January 1, 2022,
876 each homemaker-companion agency, prior to extending an offer of
877 employment or entering into a contract with a prospective employee
878 who may provide companion services or homemaker services, shall
879 require such prospective employee to submit to a comprehensive
880 background check. No homemaker-companion agency shall extend an
881 offer of employment or enter into a contract with a prospective
882 employee (1) whose name appears on the list of excluded individuals or
883 entities posted in the federal online database maintained by the United
884 States Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector
885 General for a conviction that has occurred during the preceding five
886 years, or (2) who, during the preceding five years, has been: (A)
887 Convicted or released from incarceration for a criminal offense related
888 to the delivery of an item or service under any state health care program,
889 as defined in 42 USC 1320a-7(h); (B) under federal or state law, convicted
890 or released from incarceration for a criminal offense relating to neglect
891 or abuse of patients in connection with the delivery of a health care item
892 or service; (C) convicted or released from incarceration for a felony
893 relating to fraud, theft, embezzlement, breach of fiduciary responsibility
894 or other financial misconduct, in connection with the delivery of a health
895 care item or service or with respect to any act or omission in a health
896 care program operated by or financed, in whole or in part, by any
897 federal, state or local government agency; (D) under federal or state law,
898 convicted or released from incarceration for a felony relating to the
899 unlawful manufacture, distribution, prescription or dispensing of a
900 controlled substance; or (E) subject to a substantiated finding of neglect,
901 abuse, physical harm or misappropriation of property, the value of
902 which exceeds two thousand dollars, by the administrative proceeding
903 of a state or federal agency.

904 (b) [In addition, each] Each homemaker-companion agency shall
905 require that [such] a prospective employee complete and sign a form

906 which contains questions as to whether the prospective employee was
907 convicted of a crime involving violence or dishonesty in a state court or
908 federal court in any state; or was subject to any decision imposing
909 disciplinary action by a licensing agency in any state, the District of
910 Columbia, a United States possession or territory or a foreign
911 jurisdiction. Any prospective employee who makes a false written
912 statement regarding such prior criminal convictions or disciplinary
913 action shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

914 (c) Each homemaker-companion agency shall maintain a paper or
915 electronic copy of any materials obtained during the comprehensive
916 background check and shall make such records available for inspection
917 upon request of the Department of Consumer Protection. Each
918 homemaker-companion agency shall notify, in writing, all individuals
919 receiving services of the agency's comprehensive background check
920 policy and cite to the provisions of this section.

921 Sec. 22. Section 20-330 of the general statutes is repealed and the
922 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

923 As used in this chapter:

924 (1) "Contractor" means any person regularly offering to the general
925 public services of such person or such person's employees in the field of
926 electrical work, plumbing and piping work, solar work, heating, piping,
927 cooling and sheet metal work, fire protection sprinkler systems work,
928 elevator installation, repair and maintenance work, irrigation work,
929 automotive glass work or flat glass work, as defined in this section;

930 (2) "Electrical work" means the installation, erection, maintenance,
931 inspection, testing, alteration or repair of any wire, cable, conduit,
932 busway, raceway, support, insulator, conductor, appliance, apparatus,
933 fixture or equipment that generates, transforms, transmits or uses
934 electrical energy for light, heat, power or other purposes, but does not
935 include low voltage wiring, not exceeding twenty-four volts, used
936 within a lawn sprinkler system;

937 (3) "Plumbing and piping work" means the installation, repair,
938 replacement, alteration, maintenance, inspection or testing of gas, water
939 and associated fixtures, tubing and piping mains and branch lines up to
940 and including the closest valve to a machine or equipment used in the
941 manufacturing process, laboratory equipment, sanitary equipment,
942 other than subsurface sewage disposal systems, fire prevention
943 apparatus, all water systems for human usage, sewage treatment
944 facilities and all associated fittings within a building and includes lateral
945 storm and sanitary lines from buildings to the mains, process piping,
946 swimming pools and pumping equipment, and includes making
947 connections to back flow prevention devices, and includes low voltage
948 wiring, not exceeding twenty-four volts, used within a lawn sprinkler
949 system, but does not include (A) solar thermal work performed
950 pursuant to a certificate held as provided in section 20-334g, except for
951 the repair of those portions of a solar hot water heating system that
952 include the basic domestic hot water tank and the tie-in to the potable
953 water system, (B) the installation, repair, replacement, alteration,
954 maintenance, inspection or testing of fire prevention apparatus within a
955 structure, except for standpipes that are not connected to sprinkler
956 systems, (C) medical gas and vacuum systems work, and (D) millwright
957 work. For the purposes of this subdivision, "process piping" means
958 piping or tubing that conveys liquid or gas that is used directly in the
959 production of a chemical or a product for human consumption;

960 (4) "Solar thermal work" means the installation, erection, repair,
961 replacement, alteration, maintenance, inspection or testing of active,
962 passive and hybrid solar systems that directly convert ambient energy
963 into heat or convey, store or distribute such ambient energy;

964 (5) "Heating, piping and cooling work" means (A) the installation,
965 repair, replacement, maintenance, inspection, testing or alteration of
966 any apparatus for piping, appliances, devices or accessories for heating
967 systems, including sheet metal work, (B) the installation, repair,
968 replacement, maintenance, inspection, testing or alteration of air
969 conditioning and refrigeration systems, boilers, including apparatus

970 and piping for the generation or conveyance of steam and associated
971 pumping equipment and process piping and the installation of tubing
972 and piping mains and branch lines up to and including the closest valve
973 to a machine or equipment used in the manufacturing process and
974 onsite testing and balancing of hydronic, steam and combustion air, but
975 excluding millwright work, and (C) on-site operation, by manipulating,
976 adjusting or controlling, with sufficient technical knowledge, as
977 determined by the commissioner, (i) heating systems with a steam or
978 water boiler maximum operating pressure of fifteen pounds per square
979 inch gauge or greater, or (ii) air conditioning or refrigeration systems
980 with an aggregate of more than fifty horsepower or kilowatt
981 equivalency of fifty horsepower or of two hundred pounds of
982 refrigerant. Heating, piping and cooling work does not include solar
983 thermal work performed pursuant to a certificate held as provided in
984 section 20-334g, or medical gas and vacuum systems work or the passive
985 monitoring of heating, air conditioning or refrigeration systems. For the
986 purposes of this subdivision, "process piping" means piping or tubing
987 that conveys liquid or gas that is used directly in the production of a
988 chemical or a product for human consumption;

989 (6) "Apprentice" means any person registered with the Labor
990 Department for the purpose of learning a skilled trade;

991 (7) "Elevator installation, repair and maintenance work" means the
992 installation, erection, maintenance, inspection, testing and repair of all
993 types of elevators, dumb waiters, escalators, and moving walks and all
994 mechanical equipment, fittings, associated piping and wiring from a
995 source of supply brought to the equipment room by an unlimited
996 electrical contractor for all types of machines used to hoist or convey
997 persons or materials, but does not include temporary hoisting machines
998 used for hoisting materials in connection with any construction job or
999 project, provided "elevator inspection" includes the visual examination
1000 of an elevator system or portion of a system, with or without the
1001 disassembly or removal of component parts;

1002 (8) "Elevator maintenance" means the lubrication, inspection, testing

1003 and replacement of controls, [hoistway] hoist way and car parts;

1004 (9) "Fire protection sprinkler systems work" means the layout, on-site
1005 fabrication, installation, alteration, maintenance, inspection, testing or
1006 repair of any automatic or manual sprinkler system designed for the
1007 protection of the interior or exterior of a building or structure from fire,
1008 or any piping or tubing and appurtenances and equipment pertaining
1009 to such system including overhead and underground water mains, fire
1010 hydrants and hydrant mains, standpipes and hose connections to
1011 sprinkler systems, sprinkler tank heaters excluding electrical wiring, air
1012 lines and thermal systems used in connection with sprinkler and alarm
1013 systems connected thereto, foam extinguishing systems or special
1014 hazard systems including water spray, foam, carbon dioxide or dry
1015 chemical systems, halon and other liquid or gas fire suppression
1016 systems, but does not include (A) any engineering design work
1017 connected with the layout of fire protection sprinkler systems, or (B) any
1018 work performed by employees of or contractors hired by a public water
1019 system, as defined in subsection (a) of section 25-33d;

1020 (10) "State Fire Marshal" means the State Fire Marshal appointed by
1021 the Commissioner of Administrative Services;

1022 (11) "Journeyman sprinkler fitter" means a specialized pipe fitter
1023 craftsman, experienced and skilled in the installation, alteration,
1024 maintenance and repair of fire protection sprinkler systems;

1025 (12) "Irrigation work" means making the connections to and the
1026 inspection and testing of back flow prevention devices, and low voltage
1027 wiring, not exceeding twenty-four volts, used within a lawn sprinkler
1028 system;

1029 (13) "Sheet metal work" means the onsite layout, installation, erection,
1030 replacement, repair or alteration, including, but not limited to, onsite
1031 testing and balancing of related life safety components, environmental
1032 air, heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems by manipulating,
1033 adjusting or controlling such systems for optimum balance performance

1034 of any duct work system, ferrous, nonferrous or other material for
1035 ductwork systems, components, devices, air louvers or accessories, in
1036 accordance with the State Building Code;

1037 (14) "Journeyman sheet metal worker" means an experienced
1038 craftsman skilled in the installation, erection, replacement, repair or
1039 alteration of duct work systems, both ferrous and nonferrous;

1040 (15) "Automotive glass work" means installing, maintaining or
1041 repairing fixed glass in motor vehicles;

1042 (16) "Flat glass work" means installing, maintaining or repairing glass
1043 in residential or commercial structures;

1044 (17) "Medical gas and vacuum systems work" means the work and
1045 practice, materials, instrumentation and fixtures used in the
1046 construction, installation, alteration, extension, removal, repair,
1047 maintenance, inspection, testing or renovation of gas and vacuum
1048 systems and equipment used solely to transport gases for medical
1049 purposes and to remove liquids, air-gases or solids from such systems;

1050 (18) "Solar electricity work" means the installation, erection, repair,
1051 replacement, alteration, maintenance, inspection and testing of
1052 photovoltaic or wind generation equipment used to distribute or store
1053 ambient energy for heat, light, power or other purposes to a point
1054 immediately inside any structure or adjacent to an end use;

1055 (19) "Active solar system" means a system that uses an external source
1056 of energy to power a motor-driven fan or pump to force the circulation
1057 of a fluid through solar heat collectors and which removes the sun's heat
1058 from the collectors and transports such heat to a location where it may
1059 be used or stored;

1060 (20) "Passive solar system" means a system that is capable of
1061 collecting or storing the sun's energy as heat without the use of a motor-
1062 driven fan or pump;

1063 (21) "Hybrid solar system" means a system that contains components
1064 of both an active solar system and a passive solar system;

1065 (22) "Gas hearth product work" means the installation, service,
1066 inspection, testing or repair of a propane or natural gas fired fireplace,
1067 fireplace insert, stove or log set and associated venting and piping that
1068 simulates a flame of a solid fuel fire. "Gas hearth product work" does
1069 not include (A) fuel piping work, (B) the servicing of fuel piping, or (C)
1070 work associated with pressure regulating devices, except for appliances
1071 gas valves;

1072 (23) "Millwright work" means the installation, repair, replacement,
1073 maintenance or alteration, including the inspection and testing, of (A)
1074 power generation machinery, or (B) industrial machinery, including the
1075 related interconnection of piping and tubing used in the manufacturing
1076 process, but does not include the performance of any action for which
1077 licensure is required under this chapter;

1078 (24) "Inspection" means the examination of a system or portion of a
1079 system, involving the disassembly or removal of component parts of the
1080 system; [and]

1081 (25) "Testing" means to determine the status of a system as intended
1082 for its use, with or without the disassembly of component parts of the
1083 system, by the use of testing and measurement instruments;

1084 (26) "Owner" means a person who owns or resides in a residential
1085 property and includes any agent thereof, including, but not limited to,
1086 a condominium association. An owner of a residential property is not
1087 required to reside in such residential property to be deemed an owner
1088 under this subdivision;

1089 (27) "Person" means an individual, partnership, limited liability
1090 company or corporation; and

1091 (28) "Residential property" means a single family dwelling, a
1092 multifamily dwelling consisting of not more than six units, or a unit,

1093 common element or limited common element in a condominium, as
1094 defined in section 47-68a, or in a common interest community, as
1095 defined in section 47-202, or any number of condominium units for
1096 which a condominium association acts as an agent for the unit owners.

1097 Sec. 23. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2022*) (a) No contract to perform
1098 work on a private residence, as defined in section 20-419 of the general
1099 statutes, by a contractor licensed pursuant to chapter 393 of the general
1100 statutes or any person who owns or controls a business engaged to
1101 provide the work or services licensed under the provisions of said
1102 chapter by persons licensed for such work, shall be valid or enforceable
1103 against an owner, as defined in section 20-419 of the general statutes,
1104 unless it: (1) Is in writing; (2) is signed by the owner and the contractor
1105 or business; (3) contains the entire agreement between the owner and
1106 the contractor or business; (4) contains the date of the transaction; (5)
1107 contains the name and address of the contractor and the contractor's
1108 license number or, in the case of a business, the name of the business
1109 owner, partner or limited liability member and the phone number and
1110 address of the business, partnership or limited liability company; (6)
1111 contains the name and license number of any licensees performing the
1112 work, provided the name and the license number of a licensee may be
1113 amended in writing during the term of the contract; (7) contains a notice
1114 of the owner's cancellation rights in accordance with the provisions of
1115 chapter 740 of the general statutes; and (8) contains a starting date and
1116 completion date.

1117 (b) Each change in the terms and conditions of a contract specified in
1118 subsection (a) of this section shall be in writing and shall be signed by
1119 the owner and contractor or business, except that the commissioner
1120 may, by regulations adopted pursuant to chapter 54 of the general
1121 statutes, dispense with the necessity for complying with such
1122 requirement.

1123 Sec. 24. Subsection (c) of section 20-334 of the general statutes is
1124 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1125 *passage*):

1126 (c) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection and each board
1127 established under section 20-331 may suspend or revoke any license or
1128 certificate granted or issued by it under this chapter if the holder of such
1129 license or certificate is convicted of a felony, is grossly incompetent,
1130 engages in malpractice or unethical conduct or knowingly makes false,
1131 misleading or deceptive representations regarding his work or violates
1132 the regulations adopted under this chapter. Before any such license is
1133 suspended or revoked, such holder shall be given notice and
1134 opportunity for hearing as provided in regulations adopted by the
1135 Commissioner of Consumer Protection. Any person whose license has
1136 been suspended or revoked may, after ninety days but not more than
1137 one hundred eighty days after such suspension or revocation, apply to
1138 the board demonstrating good cause to have such license reinstated.
1139 Any such suspension or revocation of a license or certification by the
1140 board shall be a proposed final decision and submitted to the
1141 commissioner in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of
1142 section 21a-7.

1143 Sec. 25. Subsection (a) of section 20-306 of the general statutes is
1144 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1145 *passage*):

1146 (a) (1) The Department of Consumer Protection shall notify each
1147 person licensed under this chapter of the date of the expiration of such
1148 license and the amount of the fee required for its renewal for one year.
1149 Such license renewals shall be accompanied by the payment of the
1150 professional services fee for class G, as defined in section 33-182l, in the
1151 case of a professional engineer license, a professional engineer and land
1152 surveyor combined license, or a land surveyor license. The license shall
1153 be considered lapsed if not renewed [within thirty days following the
1154 normal] on or before the expiration date.

1155 (2) Annual renewal of an engineer-in-training license or a surveyor-
1156 in-training license shall not be required. Any such license shall remain
1157 valid for a period of ten years from the date of its original issuance and,
1158 during this time, it shall meet in part the requirements for licensure as a

1159 professional engineer or land surveyor. It shall not be the duty of the
1160 department to notify the holder of an engineer-in-training license or a
1161 surveyor-in-training license of the date of expiration of such license
1162 other than to publish it annually in the roster.

1163 (3) Renewal of any license under this chapter or payment of renewal
1164 fees shall not be required of any licensee serving in the armed forces of
1165 the United States until the next renewal period immediately following
1166 the termination of such service or the renewal period following the fifth
1167 year after such licensee's entry into such service, whichever occurs first.
1168 The status of such licensees shall be indicated in the annual roster of
1169 professional engineers and land surveyors.

1170 Sec. 26. Subsection (f) of section 20-314 of the general statutes is
1171 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1172 *passage*):

1173 (f) All licenses issued under the provisions of this chapter shall expire
1174 annually. At the time of application for a real estate broker's license,
1175 there shall be paid to the commission, for each individual applicant and
1176 for each proposed active member or officer of a firm, partnership,
1177 association or corporation, the sum of five hundred sixty-five dollars,
1178 and for the annual renewal thereof, the sum of three hundred seventy-
1179 five dollars, [and] except that for licenses expiring on March 31, 2022, a
1180 prorated renewal fee shall be charged to reflect the fact that the March
1181 2022, renewal shall expire on November 30, 2023. At the time of
1182 application for a real estate salesperson's license, there shall be paid to
1183 the commission two hundred eighty-five dollars and for the annual
1184 renewal thereof the sum of two hundred eighty-five dollars. Three
1185 dollars of each such annual renewal fee shall be payable to the Real
1186 Estate Guaranty Fund established pursuant to section 20-324a. [If a
1187 license is not issued, the fee shall be returned.] A real estate broker's
1188 license issued to any partnership, association or corporation shall entitle
1189 the individual designated in the application, as provided in section 20-
1190 312, upon compliance with the terms of this chapter, but without the
1191 payment of any further fee, to perform all of the acts of a real estate

1192 broker under this chapter on behalf of such partnership, association or
1193 corporation. Any license which expires and is not renewed pursuant to
1194 this subsection may be reinstated by the commission, if, not later than
1195 two years after the date of expiration, the former licensee pays to the
1196 commission for each real estate broker's license the sum of three
1197 hundred seventy-five dollars and for each real estate salesperson's
1198 license the sum of two hundred eighty-five dollars for each year or
1199 fraction thereof from the date of expiration of the previous license to the
1200 date of payment for reinstatement, except that any licensee whose
1201 license expired after such licensee entered military service shall be
1202 reinstated without payment of any fee if an application for
1203 reinstatement is filed with the commission within two years after the
1204 date of expiration. Any such reinstated broker's license shall expire on
1205 the next succeeding [March thirty-first for real estate brokers or]
1206 November thirtieth, except that any broker's license that is reinstated
1207 before March 31, 2022, shall expire on March 31, 2022. Any such
1208 reinstated real estate salesperson's license shall expire on the next
1209 succeeding May thirty-first. [for real estate salespersons.]

1210 Sec. 27. Subsection (b) of section 20-317 of the general statutes is
1211 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1212 *passage*):

1213 (b) Every applicant licensed in another state shall file an irrevocable
1214 consent that suits and actions may be commenced against such
1215 applicant in the proper court in any judicial district of the state in which
1216 a cause of action may arise or in which the plaintiff may reside, by the
1217 service of any process or pleading, authorized by the laws of this state,
1218 on the chairperson of the commission, such consent stipulating and
1219 agreeing that such service of such process or pleading shall be taken and
1220 held in all courts to be as valid and binding as if service had been made
1221 upon such applicant in the state of Connecticut. If any process or
1222 pleadings under this chapter are served upon the chairperson, it shall
1223 be by duplicate copies, one of which shall be filed in the office of the
1224 commission, and the other immediately forwarded by registered or

1225 certified mail, to the applicant against whom such process or pleadings
1226 are directed, at the last-known address of such applicant as shown by
1227 the records of the [commission] department. No default in any such
1228 proceedings or action shall be taken unless it appears by affidavit of the
1229 chairperson of the commission that a copy of the process or pleading
1230 was mailed to the defendant as required by this subsection, and no
1231 judgment by default shall be taken in any such action or proceeding
1232 within twenty days after the date of mailing of such process or pleading
1233 to the out-of-state defendant.

1234 Sec. 28. Subsection (b) of section 20-319 of the general statutes is
1235 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1236 *passage*):

1237 (b) There is hereby established an annual renewal license to be issued
1238 by the Department of Consumer Protection. Persons licensed in
1239 accordance with the provisions of this chapter shall fulfill a continuing
1240 education requirement. Applicants for an annual renewal license for
1241 real estate brokers or real estate salespersons shall, in addition to the
1242 other requirements imposed by the provisions of this chapter, in any
1243 even-numbered year, submit proof of compliance with the continuing
1244 education requirements of this subsection to the commission. [
1245 accompanied by an eight-dollar] Each licensee shall pay an annual four-
1246 dollar continuing education processing fee to cover administrative costs
1247 associated with the review and auditing of continuing education
1248 submissions. The continuing education requirement may be satisfied by
1249 successful completion of any of the following during the two-year
1250 period preceding such renewal: (1) A course or courses, approved by
1251 the commission, of continuing education in current real estate practices
1252 and licensing laws, including, but not limited to, practices and laws
1253 concerning common interest communities, consisting of not less than
1254 twelve hours of classroom study; or (2) a written examination prepared
1255 and administered by either the Department of Consumer Protection, or
1256 by a national testing service approved by the department, which
1257 demonstrates a knowledge of current real estate practices and licensing

1258 laws; or (3) equivalent continuing educational experience or study as
1259 determined by regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (d) of this
1260 section. An applicant for examination under subdivision (2) of this
1261 subsection shall pay the required examination fee to the national testing
1262 service, if administered by such testing service, or to the Department of
1263 Consumer Protection, if administered by the department.

1264 Sec. 29. Subsection (f) of section 20-427 of the general statutes is
1265 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1266 *passage*):

1267 (f) All certificates issued under the provisions of this chapter shall
1268 expire annually on March thirty-first, except that certificates which
1269 expire on November 30, 2021, shall be renewed on November 30, 2021,
1270 and expire on March 31, 2022. The fee for renewal of a certificate shall
1271 be the same as the fee charged for an original application, except that for
1272 certificates which expire on March 31, 2022, a prorated renewal fee shall
1273 be charged to reflect the portion of the year for which the certificate will
1274 be active.

1275 Sec. 30. Subsection (d) of section 21-67 of the general statutes is
1276 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1277 *passage*):

1278 (d) The department shall conduct an inspection of each mobile
1279 manufactured home park annually. Such inspections may be staggered
1280 throughout the course of the year. The department shall, upon receipt
1281 of a renewal application, accompanied by the annual license fee, [and
1282 after inspection of the mobile manufactured home park and
1283 determination that the park continues to conform with the requirements
1284 of this chapter,] issue a renewal license, unless the park fails to comply
1285 with the requirements of this chapter, as determined by an enforcement
1286 action conducted pursuant to section 21-71, as amended by this act.

1287 Sec. 31. Section 21-71 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1288 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1289 (a) The department may revoke, suspend, place conditions on or
1290 refuse to renew any license to operate a mobile manufactured home
1291 park for a violation of any provision of this chapter or any regulations
1292 issued hereunder or any other state or local law or regulation, after
1293 hearing, except that if the department upon investigation finds a
1294 licensee is not providing adequate sewerage facilities, electrical,
1295 plumbing or sanitary services, water supply or fire protection,
1296 suspension of the license shall be automatic, provided such licensee
1297 shall be entitled to a hearing before the department [within five] not
1298 later than thirty days after such suspension. A license may be reinstated
1299 or reissued if the circumstances leading to the violation have been
1300 remedied and the park is being maintained and operated in full
1301 compliance with this chapter and the regulations hereunder. Each
1302 officer, board, commission or department of the state or any local
1303 government shall assist the department with technical data on sewerage
1304 facilities, electrical, plumbing or sanitary services, water supply or fire
1305 protection and shall submit such data to the department for the
1306 department's use in any hearing held pursuant to this section. In
1307 addition to revoking, suspending, placing conditions on, or refusing to
1308 renew any license to operate a mobile manufactured home park, the
1309 department may, following an administrative hearing, impose a fine of
1310 not less than fifty nor more than three hundred dollars for each day that
1311 such violation [continues] exists. In connection with any investigation
1312 the Commissioner of Consumer Protection or the commissioner's
1313 authorized agent may administer oaths, issue subpoenas, compel
1314 testimony and order the production of books, records and documents.
1315 [The commissioner may issue an appropriate order to any owner found
1316 to be in violation of any provision of this chapter or any regulation
1317 issued hereunder, providing for the immediate discontinuance of the
1318 violation.] Each owner shall retain all leases, disclosure statements, rules
1319 and regulations required under this chapter for at least four years after
1320 any resident to whom they relate vacates the park.

1321 (b) If an inspection by the department reveals a violation of any
1322 provision of this chapter or any regulation issued [hereunder] under this

1323 chapter, the cost of all reinspections necessary to determine compliance
1324 with any such provision shall be assumed by the owner, except that if a
1325 first reinspection indicates compliance with such provision, no charge
1326 shall be made. As part of an inspection or investigation, the department
1327 may order an owner of a mobile manufactured park to obtain an
1328 independent inspection report, at the sole cost of the owner, that
1329 assesses the condition and potential public health impact of a condition
1330 at the park, including, but not limited to, the condition of trees and
1331 electrical, plumbing or sanitary systems.

1332 [(b)] (c) In addition to any other available remedies, the provisions of
1333 section 47a-14h shall be available to all residents in a mobile
1334 manufactured home park including residents who own their own units.

1335 (d) The department may issue an order to any owner determined to
1336 be in violation of any provision of this chapter or any regulation issued
1337 under this section after an inspection of a mobile manufactured home
1338 park, providing for the immediate discontinuance of the violation or
1339 timely remediation of such violation. Any owner of a mobile
1340 manufactured home park who fails to comply with any orders
1341 contained in a notice of violation resulting from a reinspection of such
1342 park not later than thirty days after of issuance of such notice, including
1343 confirmation of active licensure, shall be fined five hundred dollars per
1344 violation and shall follow the procedures specified in section 51-164n,
1345 as amended by this act.

1346 Sec. 32. Subsection (c) of section 20-281c of the general statutes is
1347 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1348 *passage*):

1349 (c) An applicant may apply to take the examination if such person,
1350 [holds a baccalaureate degree, or its equivalent, conferred by a college
1351 or university acceptable to the board, with an accounting concentration
1352 or equivalent] at the time of the examination, has completed not less
1353 than one hundred twenty semester hours of education, as determined
1354 by the board by regulation to be appropriate. The educational

1355 requirements for a certificate shall be prescribed in regulations to be
1356 adopted by the board as follows:

1357 (1) Until December 31, 1999, a baccalaureate degree or its equivalent
1358 conferred by a college or university acceptable to the board, with an
1359 accounting concentration or equivalent as determined by the board by
1360 regulation to be appropriate;

1361 (2) After January 1, 2000, at least one hundred fifty semester hours of
1362 college education including a baccalaureate or higher degree conferred
1363 by a college or university acceptable to the board. The total educational
1364 program shall include an accounting concentration or equivalent, as
1365 determined by the board by regulation to be appropriate.

1366 Sec. 33. Section 20-281d of the general statutes is repealed and the
1367 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

1368 (a) The board shall issue or renew licenses to persons who make
1369 application and demonstrate their qualifications in accordance with
1370 subsections (b) to (g), inclusive, of this section.

1371 (b) Licenses shall be initially issued for one year and renewed
1372 annually. Applications for such licenses shall be made in such form, and
1373 in the case of applications for renewal, between such dates, as the board
1374 shall by regulation, adopted in accordance with the provisions of
1375 chapter 54, specify.

1376 (c) An applicant for initial issuance of a license under this section shall
1377 show:

1378 (1) That [he] such applicant holds a valid certificate;

1379 (2) If the applicant's certificate was issued more than four years prior
1380 to his or her application for issuance of an initial license under this
1381 section, that he or she has fulfilled the requirements of continuing
1382 professional education that would have been applicable under
1383 subsection (e) of this section if he or she had secured his or her initial

1384 license within four years of issuance of his or her certificate and was
1385 now applying under subsection (e) of this section for renewal of such
1386 license.

1387 (d) The board shall issue a certificate to a holder of a certificate issued
1388 by another state upon a showing that:

1389 (1) The applicant passed the examination required for issuance of his
1390 or her certificate with grades that would have been passing grades at
1391 the time in this state; and

1392 (2) The applicant meets all current requirements in this state for
1393 issuance of a certificate at the time the application is made; or the
1394 applicant, at the time of the issuance of the applicant's certificate in the
1395 other state, met all such requirements then applicable in this state; or the
1396 applicant has had five years of experience in the practice of public
1397 accountancy no earlier than the ten years immediately preceding the
1398 applicant's application or meets equivalent requirements prescribed by
1399 the board by regulation.

1400 (e) For renewal of a license under this section, an applicant shall show
1401 that he or she has completed forty hours of continuing professional
1402 education during each year from the date of issuance or last renewal. A
1403 renewal applicant who has a principal place of business outside of this
1404 state may show compliance with the provisions of this subsection by
1405 certifying in writing that he or she has completed the continuing
1406 professional education requirements in the state of the applicant's
1407 principal place of business during each year from the date of his or her
1408 license issuance or last renewal. The board may prescribe, by regulation
1409 adopted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, the content,
1410 duration and organization of continuing professional education courses
1411 which contribute to the general professional competence of the
1412 applicant.

1413 (f) For renewal of a license under this section, the board shall charge
1414 the following fees for failure to earn continuing education credits by the

1415 June thirtieth deadline:

1416 (1) Three hundred fifteen dollars for reporting on a renewal
1417 application a minimum of forty hours of continuing professional
1418 education, any of which was earned after June thirtieth and on or by
1419 September thirtieth;

1420 (2) Six hundred twenty-five dollars for reporting on a renewal
1421 application a minimum of forty hours of continuing professional
1422 education any of which was earned after June thirtieth and on or by
1423 December thirty-first.

1424 (g) The board shall charge a fee of one hundred fifty dollars for the
1425 initial issuance and the professional services fee for class I, as defined in
1426 section 33-182l, for each annual renewal of such license.

1427 (h) Applicants for initial issuance or renewal of licenses under this
1428 section shall in their applications list all states in which they have
1429 applied for or hold certificates or licenses, and each holder of or
1430 applicant for a license under this section shall notify the board in
1431 writing, within thirty days after its occurrence, of any issuance, denial,
1432 revocation or suspension of a certificate or license by another state.

1433 (i) The board shall administer an online renewal system for licenses
1434 renewed pursuant to this section. Each applicant for renewal pursuant
1435 to this section shall use such online renewal system and shall pay the
1436 applicable renewal fee using a credit card or via electronic funds transfer
1437 from a bank or credit union account. A licensee may request a waiver of
1438 such renewal requirements due to extenuating circumstances and the
1439 board may allow such licensee to renew his or her license using a paper
1440 form.

1441 Sec. 34. Subsection (c) of section 20-281k of the general statutes is
1442 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
1443 *2021*):

1444 (c) [Nothing in this section shall require a licensee to keep any

1445 workpaper beyond the period prescribed in any other applicable
1446 statute, except that any] A licensee shall ensure that any work product
1447 and workpaper created in the performance of an engagement for a client
1448 is retained for not less than seven years after the creation of such work
1449 product or workpaper, unless the licensee is required by law to retain
1450 such records for a longer period. Any work product or workpaper
1451 prepared by a licensee in the course of an audit of a corporation the
1452 securities of which are registered under Section 12 of the Securities
1453 Exchange Act of 1934, as from time to time amended, or that is required
1454 to file reports under Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
1455 as from time to time amended, shall be retained for the period described
1456 in section 33-1332.

1457 Sec. 35. Section 20-281l of the general statutes is repealed and the
1458 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

1459 [(a) Except as expressly permitted by this section, a licensee shall not:
1460 (1) Pay a fee or commission to obtain a client; or (2) accept a fee or
1461 commission for referring a client to the products or services of a third
1462 party.]

1463 (b) A licensee, who is not performing any of the services set forth in
1464 subsection (c) of this section and who complies with the provisions of
1465 subsection (d) of this section, may accept a fee or commission for
1466 referring a client to the products or services of a third party if such
1467 referral is made in conjunction with professional services provided to
1468 the client by such licensee making such referral. Nothing in this
1469 subsection shall be construed to permit the solicitation or acceptance of
1470 a fee or commission solely for the referral of a client to a third party.]

1471 [(c)] (a) A licensee shall not [perform services for] recommend or refer
1472 any product or service to a client for a commission and shall not accept
1473 a commission from a client during the period that the licensee is
1474 performing for such client any of the following services or during the
1475 period that is covered by any historical financial statements that are
1476 involved in any of the following services: (1) An audit or review of a

1477 financial statement; (2) a compilation of a financial statement if the
1478 licensee expects or [has reasonable cause to] might reasonably expect
1479 that a third party will use the financial statement and the licensee's
1480 compilation report does not disclose a lack of independence; or (3) an
1481 examination of prospective financial information.

1482 [(d)] (b) A licensee who is not prohibited under this section from
1483 performing services for a [fee or] commission or from accepting a [fee
1484 or] commission and who is paid or expects to be paid a [fee or]
1485 commission shall disclose such payment or expectation to any [client or
1486 other] person or entity to whom such licensee recommends or refers a
1487 product or service to which the [fee or] commission relates.

1488 [(e) As used in this section, "fee" includes, but is not limited to, a
1489 commission, rebate, preference, discount or any other consideration.

1490 (f) This section does not prohibit payments for the purchase of all, or
1491 a material part, of an accounting practice, or retirement payments to
1492 individuals who are or were formerly engaged in the practice of public
1493 accountancy, or payments to the heirs or estates of such individuals.

1494 (g) Nothing in this section shall be construed to relieve a licensee from
1495 any requirement under federal or state law that obligates such licensee
1496 to obtain a license or authorization prior to referring a client to the
1497 products or services of a third party, including, but not limited to, any
1498 license requirements under federal or state securities or insurance laws.]

1499 Sec. 36. Section 20-281m of the general statutes is repealed and the
1500 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

1501 (a) A licensee shall not, during any period in which the licensee is
1502 engaged to perform any of the services listed in this subsection or during
1503 any period covered by any historical financial services involved in any
1504 of such services: (1) Perform for a contingent fee any of the following
1505 professional services, or accept a contingent fee from a client for whom
1506 the licensee or the licensee's firm performs any of the following services:
1507 (A) An audit or review of a financial statement; (B) a compilation of a

1508 financial statement if the licensee expects or has reasonable cause to
1509 expect that a third party will use the financial statement and the
1510 licensee's compilation report does not disclose a lack of independence;
1511 or (C) an examination of prospective financial information, or (2)
1512 prepare an original or amended tax return or claim for a tax refund for
1513 a contingent fee for any client.

1514 (b) As used in this section, "contingent fee" means a fee established
1515 for the performance of a service that will not be charged unless a
1516 specified finding or result is attained or in which the amount of the fee
1517 is dependent on a specified finding or result of such service. "Contingent
1518 fee" does not include: (1) A fee fixed by courts or other [public]
1519 governmental authorities; (2) a fee in a tax matter that is based on the
1520 results of judicial proceedings or the findings of governmental agencies;
1521 or (3) a fee that varies based solely on the complexity of the services
1522 rendered.

1523 [(c) A contingent fee arrangement between a licensee and a client
1524 shall be in writing and shall state the method by which the fee is
1525 determined.]

1526 Sec. 37. Subsection (b) of section 20-691 of the general statutes is
1527 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1528 *passage*):

1529 (b) (1) A person seeking registration as a locksmith shall apply to the
1530 commissioner on a form provided by the commissioner. The application
1531 shall include the applicant's name, residence address, business address,
1532 business telephone number, a question as to whether the applicant has
1533 been convicted of a felony in any state or jurisdiction, and such other
1534 information as the commissioner may require. The applicant shall
1535 submit to a request by the commissioner for a [recent] state and national
1536 criminal history records check conducted in accordance with the
1537 provisions of section 29-17a. No registration shall be issued unless the
1538 commissioner has received the results of a such records check. In
1539 accordance with the provisions of section 46a-80 and after a hearing held

1540 pursuant to chapter 54, the commissioner may revoke, refuse to issue or
1541 refuse to renew a registration when an applicant's criminal history
1542 records check reveals the applicant has been convicted of a crime of
1543 dishonesty, fraud, theft, assault, other violent offense or a crime related
1544 to the performance of locksmithing.

1545 (2) The application fee for registration as a locksmith and the biennial
1546 renewal fee for such registration shall be two hundred dollars.

1547 (3) The department shall establish and maintain a registry of
1548 locksmiths. The registry shall contain the names and addresses of
1549 registered locksmiths and such other information as the commissioner
1550 may require. Such registry shall be updated at least annually by the
1551 department, be made available to the public upon request and be
1552 published on the department's Internet web site.

1553 (4) No person shall engage in locksmithing, use the title locksmith or
1554 display or use any words, letters, figures, title, advertisement or other
1555 method to indicate said person is a locksmith unless such person has
1556 obtained a registration as provided in this section.

1557 (5) The following persons shall be exempt from registration as a
1558 locksmith, but only if the person performing the service does not hold
1559 himself or herself out to the public as a locksmith: (A) Persons employed
1560 by a state, municipality or other political subdivision, or by any agency
1561 or department of the government of the United States, acting in their
1562 official capacity; (B) automobile service dealers who service, install,
1563 repair or rebuild automobile locks; (C) retail merchants selling locks or
1564 similar security accessories or installing, programming, repairing,
1565 maintaining, reprogramming, rebuilding or servicing electronic garage
1566 door devices; (D) members of the building trades who install or remove
1567 complete locks or locking devices in the course of residential or
1568 commercial new construction or remodeling; (E) employees of towing
1569 services, repossessioners, or an automobile club representative or
1570 employee opening automotive locks in the normal course of his or her
1571 business. The provisions of this section shall not prohibit an employee

1572 of a towing service from opening motor vehicles to enable a vehicle to
1573 be moved without towing, provided the towing service does not hold
1574 itself out to the public, by directory advertisement, through a sign at the
1575 facilities of the towing service or by any other form of advertisement, as
1576 a locksmith; (F) students in a course of study in locksmith programs
1577 approved by the department; (G) warranty services by a lock
1578 manufacturer or its employees on the manufacturer's own products; (H)
1579 maintenance employees of a property owner or property management
1580 companies at multifamily residential buildings, who service, install,
1581 repair or open locks for tenants; and (I) persons employed as security
1582 personnel at schools or institutions of higher education who open locks
1583 while acting in the course of their employment.

1584 Sec. 38. Subsection (d) of section 20-432 of the general statutes is
1585 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1586 *passage*):

1587 (d) Whenever an owner obtains a court judgment, order or decree
1588 against any contractor holding a certificate or who has held a certificate
1589 under this chapter within [the past] two years of the effective date of
1590 entering into the contract with the owner, for loss or damages sustained
1591 by reason of performance of or offering to perform a home improvement
1592 within this state by a contractor holding a certificate under this chapter,
1593 such owner may, upon the final determination of, or expiration of time
1594 for, taking an appeal in connection with any such judgment, order or
1595 decree, apply to the commissioner for an order directing payment out
1596 of said guaranty fund of the amount unpaid upon the judgment, order
1597 or decree, for actual damages and costs taxed by the court against the
1598 contractor, exclusive of punitive damages. The application shall be
1599 made on forms provided by the commissioner and shall be
1600 accompanied by a copy of the court judgment, order or decree obtained
1601 against the contractor together with an [a notarized] affidavit [, signed
1602 and sworn to by the owner,] affirming that: (1) He or she has complied
1603 with all the requirements of this subsection; (2) he or she has obtained a
1604 judgment, order or decree, stating the amount thereof and the amount

1605 owing thereon at the date of application; and (3) he or she has caused to
1606 be issued a writ of execution upon said judgment, order or decree and
1607 the officer executing the same has made a return showing that no bank
1608 accounts or personal property of the contractor liable to be levied upon
1609 in satisfaction of the judgment, order or decree could be found, or that
1610 the amount realized on the sale of them or of such of them as were
1611 found, under the execution, was insufficient to satisfy the actual damage
1612 portion of the judgment, order or decree or stating the amount realized
1613 and the balance remaining due on the judgment, order or decree after
1614 application thereon of the amount realized, except that the requirements
1615 of this subdivision shall not apply to a judgment, order or decree
1616 obtained by the owner in small claims court. A true and attested copy
1617 of said executing officer's return, when required, shall be attached to
1618 such application and affidavit. No application for an order directing
1619 payment out of the guaranty fund shall be made later than two years
1620 after the final determination of, or expiration of time for, taking an
1621 appeal of said court judgment, order or decree.

1622 Sec. 39. Section 20-340 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1623 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1624 The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to: (1) Persons
1625 employed by any federal, state or municipal agency; (2) employees of
1626 any public service company regulated by the Public Utilities Regulatory
1627 Authority or of any corporate affiliate of any such company when the
1628 work performed by such affiliate is on behalf of a public service
1629 company, but in either case only if the work performed is in connection
1630 with the rendition of public utility service, including the installation or
1631 maintenance of wire for community antenna television service, or is in
1632 connection with the installation or maintenance of wire or telephone sets
1633 for single-line telephone service located inside the premises of a
1634 consumer; (3) employees of any municipal corporation specially
1635 chartered by this state; (4) employees of any contractor while such
1636 contractor is performing electrical-line or emergency work for any
1637 public service company; (5) persons engaged in the installation,

1638 maintenance, repair and service of electrical or other appliances of a size
1639 customarily used for domestic use where such installation commences
1640 at an outlet receptacle or connection previously installed by persons
1641 licensed to do the same and maintenance, repair and service is confined
1642 to the appliance itself and its internal operation; (6) employees of
1643 industrial firms whose main duties concern the maintenance of the
1644 electrical work, plumbing and piping work, solar thermal work,
1645 heating, piping, cooling work, sheet metal work, elevator installation,
1646 repair and maintenance work, automotive glass work or flat glass work
1647 of such firm on its own premises or on premises leased by it for its own
1648 use; (7) employees of industrial firms when such employees' main
1649 duties concern the fabrication of glass products or electrical, plumbing
1650 and piping, fire protection sprinkler systems, solar, heating, piping,
1651 cooling, chemical piping, sheet metal or elevator installation, repair and
1652 maintenance equipment used in the production of goods sold by
1653 industrial firms, except for products, electrical, plumbing and piping
1654 systems and repair and maintenance equipment used directly in the
1655 production of a product for human consumption; (8) persons
1656 performing work necessary to the manufacture or repair of any
1657 apparatus, appliances, fixtures, equipment or devices produced by it for
1658 sale or lease; (9) employees of stage and theatrical companies
1659 performing the operation, installation and maintenance of electrical
1660 equipment if such installation commences at an outlet receptacle or
1661 connection previously installed by persons licensed to make such
1662 installation; (10) employees of carnivals, circuses or similar transient
1663 amusement shows who install electrical work, provided such
1664 installation shall be subject to the approval of the State Fire Marshal
1665 prior to use as otherwise provided by law and shall comply with
1666 applicable municipal ordinances and regulations; (11) persons engaged
1667 in the installation, maintenance, repair and service of glass or electrical,
1668 plumbing, fire protection sprinkler systems, solar, heating, piping,
1669 cooling and sheet metal equipment in and about single-family
1670 residences owned and occupied or to be occupied by such persons;
1671 provided any such installation, maintenance and repair shall be subject
1672 to inspection and approval by the building official of the municipality

1673 in which such residence is located and shall conform to the requirements
1674 of the State Building Code; (12) persons who install, maintain or repair
1675 glass in a motor vehicle owned or leased by such persons; (13) persons
1676 or entities holding themselves out to be retail sellers of glass products,
1677 but not such persons or entities that also engage in automotive glass
1678 work or flat glass work; (14) persons who install preglazed or
1679 preassembled windows or doors in residential or commercial buildings;
1680 (15) persons registered under chapter 400 who install safety-backed
1681 mirror products or repair or replace flat glass in sizes not greater than
1682 thirty square feet in residential buildings; (16) sheet metal work
1683 performed in residential buildings consisting of six units or less by new
1684 home construction contractors registered pursuant to chapter 399a, by
1685 home improvement contractors registered pursuant to chapter 400 or by
1686 persons licensed pursuant to this chapter, when such work is limited to
1687 exhaust systems installed for hoods and fans in kitchens and baths,
1688 clothes dryer exhaust systems, radon vent systems, fireplaces, fireplace
1689 flues, masonry chimneys or prefabricated metal chimneys rated by
1690 Underwriters Laboratories or installation of stand-alone appliances
1691 including wood, pellet or other stand-alone stoves that are installed in
1692 residential buildings by such contractors or persons; (17) employees of
1693 or any contractor employed by and under the direction of a properly
1694 licensed solar contractor, performing work limited to the hoisting,
1695 placement and anchoring of solar collectors, photovoltaic panels, towers
1696 or turbines; (18) persons performing swimming pool maintenance and
1697 repair work authorized pursuant to section 20-417aa; [and] (19) any
1698 employee of the Connecticut Airport Authority covered by a state
1699 collective bargaining agreement; and (20) any employee of a public
1700 service company regulated by the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority
1701 or of a contractor while such contractor is performing work on behalf of
1702 a public service company, provided such work is (A) limited to water
1703 meter installation or the replacement of a water meter connected to
1704 existing fittings or unions previously installed by a person holding the
1705 proper plumbing and piping license, and (B) in connection with the
1706 rendition of public utility service, including the installation or
1707 maintenance of associated low voltage wiring for the sole purpose of a

1708 meter reader located outside the premises of a public service company
 1709 consumer.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	16-50j(g)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	20-500
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	20-529(b) and (c)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	20-529b(a)
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	20-517(c)
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	20-295b
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	20-292
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	20-452(a)
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	20-453
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	20-457
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	21a-190l
Sec. 12	<i>from passage</i>	43-8a
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	21a-2
Sec. 14	<i>from passage</i>	21a-7(a)
Sec. 15	<i>from passage</i>	21a-8(c)
Sec. 16	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	21a-10
Sec. 17	<i>from passage</i>	21a-11
Sec. 18	<i>from passage</i>	51-164n(b)
Sec. 19	<i>from passage</i>	20-670(5)
Sec. 20	<i>from passage</i>	20-672
Sec. 21	<i>from passage</i>	20-678
Sec. 22	<i>from passage</i>	20-330
Sec. 23	<i>January 1, 2022</i>	New section
Sec. 24	<i>from passage</i>	20-334(c)
Sec. 25	<i>from passage</i>	20-306(a)
Sec. 26	<i>from passage</i>	20-314(f)
Sec. 27	<i>from passage</i>	20-317(b)
Sec. 28	<i>from passage</i>	20-319(b)
Sec. 29	<i>from passage</i>	20-427(f)
Sec. 30	<i>from passage</i>	21-67(d)
Sec. 31	<i>from passage</i>	21-71
Sec. 32	<i>from passage</i>	20-281c(c)
Sec. 33	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	20-281d
Sec. 34	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	20-281k(c)

Sec. 35	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	20-281l
Sec. 36	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	20-281m
Sec. 37	<i>from passage</i>	20-691(b)
Sec. 38	<i>from passage</i>	20-432(d)
Sec. 39	<i>from passage</i>	20-340

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 7(f)(1)(B), "more than thirteen weeks" was inserted for consistency with Section 7(f)(1)(A) and in Section 23(a), "and any person" was changed to "or any person" for consistency.

GL *Joint Favorable Subst.*