



General Assembly

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Governor's Bill No. 6449

LCO No. 3286



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:

Request of the Governor Pursuant
to Joint Rule 9

***AN ACT EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY IN OCCUPATIONS
LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) (a) An occupational or
2 professional license, permit, certification or registration issued by the
3 Department of Public Health shall be issued, in the occupation or
4 profession applied for and at a practice level determined by the
5 department, to a person who is a resident of this state as defined in
6 section 12-701 of the general statutes or who is married to an active duty
7 member of the armed forces of the United States and accompanies said
8 member, pursuant to an official permanent change of station, to a
9 military installation located in this state if:

10 (1) The person holds a valid license, permit, certification or
11 registration in at least one other jurisdiction in the occupation or
12 profession applied for;

13 (2) The person has practiced under such license, permit, certification
14 or registration for not less than one year;

15 (3) The person is in good standing in all jurisdictions in which he or
16 she holds a license, permit, certification or registration and has not had
17 a license, permit, certification or registration revoked or discipline
18 imposed by any jurisdiction, does not have a complaint, allegation or
19 investigation related to unprofessional conduct pending in any
20 jurisdiction, and has not voluntarily surrendered a license, permit,
21 certification or registration while under investigation for unprofessional
22 conduct in any jurisdiction;

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

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

28 (b) In addition to the requirements set forth in subsection (a) of this
29 section, the Department of Public Health may require a person to take
30 and pass all or a portion of any examination required of other persons
31 applying for the license, permit, certification or registration.

32 (c) Any person issued a license, permit, certification or registration
33 pursuant to this section shall be subject to the laws of this state and the
34 jurisdiction of the Department of Public Health.

35 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, and pursuant to
36 section 19a-14 of the general statutes, the Commissioner of Public
37 Health may deny an occupational or professional license, permit,
38 certification or registration if he or she finds such denial is in the best
39 interest of the state.

40 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) The Commissioner of Public
41 Health shall convene working groups to determine whether
42 Connecticut should join any interstate licensure compacts.

43 (b) Such working groups shall consist of (1) the Commissioner of
44 Public Health, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,

45 and the executive director of the Office of Health Strategy, or their
 46 designees, (2) the chair of the appropriate board of examiners or
 47 advisory board, or his or her designee, (3) a representative of the
 48 appropriate state professional association, (4) a representative of the
 49 professional assistance program for regulated professions established
 50 pursuant to section 19a-12a of the general statutes, and (5) any other
 51 members the Commissioner of Public Health deems appropriate. Each
 52 working group shall convene not later than sixty days after the effective
 53 date of this section.

54 (c) Not later than January 15, 2022, the Commissioner of Public
 55 Health shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of
 56 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of
 57 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
 58 health. Such report shall include recommendations that reflect the
 59 determinations pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. The working
 60 groups shall terminate upon the submission of the report.

61 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) Not later than January 15, 2022,
 62 the Commissioner of Public Health shall submit a report, in accordance
 63 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint
 64 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
 65 matters relating to public health. Such report shall be developed in
 66 consultation with such boards or commissions as the commissioner
 67 deems appropriate and shall recommend whether it would be in the
 68 best interest of the state (1) for any examination administered by the
 69 state pursuant to chapters 369 to 388, inclusive, chapter 393a, chapters
 70 395 to 417, inclusive, chapters 435 to 449, inclusive, or chapters 474 to
 71 483, inclusive, of the general statutes to be administered by a national
 72 organization acceptable to the Department of Public Health, and (2) to
 73 reduce any experience and training requirements while increasing any
 74 such examination's ability to test applicants' knowledge or skills.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	New section

Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]