



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 340

LCO No. 2064



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT CONCERNING TOBACCO DEALER LICENSE RENEWALS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2024*) A municipality may adopt
2 an ordinance requiring that each person who files an application to
3 renew a license pursuant to section 12-287 of the general statutes, as
4 amended by this act, shall simultaneously give written notice of such
5 renewal application to the chief law enforcement official, or such chief
6 law enforcement official's designee, of the town in which any place of
7 business to be operated under such license is located. Such chief law
8 enforcement official, or such chief law enforcement official's designee,
9 may respond in writing, not later than fifteen days after receipt of such
10 notice, to the Commissioner of Revenue Services, with comments
11 regarding the renewal application that is the subject of such notice. The
12 commissioner shall consider any written comments offered by such
13 chief law enforcement official, or such chief law enforcement official's
14 designee, prior to approving such application.

15 Sec. 2. (*Effective October 1, 2024*) Not later than January 1, 2026, the
16 Commissioner of Revenue Services shall submit a report, in accordance

17 with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing
18 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
19 relating to planning and development, finance, revenue and bonding
20 and public safety and security. Such report shall include, but not be
21 limited to: (1) The number of written comments submitted by chief law
22 enforcement officials, or such chief law enforcement officials' designees,
23 under section 1 of this act, (2) copies of such written comments, if any,
24 (3) a summary of the actions taken by the Department of Revenue
25 Services regarding the granting or denial of a license renewal
26 application pursuant to section 12-287 of the general statutes, as
27 amended by this act, for which comments were received under section
28 1 of this act, and (4) the commissioner's conclusions and
29 recommendations, after consultation with such chief law enforcement
30 officials or such chief law enforcement officials' designees, regarding the
31 notice requirement contained in section 1 of this act.

32 Sec. 3. Section 12-287 of the general statutes is repealed and the
33 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

34 Each person engaging in, or intending to engage in, the business of
35 selling cigarettes in this state as a dealer, and each person engaging in
36 or intending to engage in, the business of selling taxed tobacco products
37 at retail, shall secure a dealer's license from the Commissioner of
38 Revenue Services before engaging in such business or continuing to
39 engage therein. Subject to the provisions of section 12-286, such license
40 shall be renewable annually, provided that prior to renewal the
41 commissioner shall consider any comments received pursuant to section
42 1 of this act. The annual fee for a dealer's license shall be two hundred
43 dollars. Such license shall be valid for a period beginning with the date
44 of license to the thirtieth day of September next succeeding the date of
45 license unless sooner revoked as provided in section 12-295, or unless
46 the person to whom it was issued discontinues business, in either of
47 which cases the holder of the license shall immediately return it to the
48 commissioner. In the event of mutilation or destruction of such license,
49 a duplicate copy, marked as such, shall be issued by said commissioner
50 upon an application accompanied by a fee of fifteen dollars.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	12-287

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) permit municipalities to adopt an ordinance requiring a person applying for renewal of a tobacco dealer's license to inform the chief law enforcement official, or such official's designee, of the application, (2) permit such chief or designee to submit comments regarding the application, and (3) require the Commissioner of Revenue Services to consider such comments prior to approving such an application.

[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.]