



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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**"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MAXIMUM CHARGE FOR CERTAIN OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES, CERTIFICATIONS, PERMITS AND REGISTRATIONS."**

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

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force  
4 to study the application and renewal processes for, and the cost of,  
5 occupational, professional and trade licenses administered by state  
6 agencies. Such study shall include, but need not be limited to, an  
7 examination of how other states administer occupational, professional  
8 and trade licenses, how to reduce duplication in occupational,  
9 professional and trade licensing, how to reduce the cost of occupational,  
10 professional and trade licensing and the economic benefits of improving  
11 the state's occupational, professional and trade licensing system. The  
12 task force shall make recommendations to make Connecticut more  
13 competitive with other states in the region with respect to occupational  
14 licensing.

- 15 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:
- 16 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
17 who shall be a representative of an industry association;
- 18 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who  
19 shall be a representative of a trade;
- 20 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
21 Representatives, who shall be a representative of a member of an  
22 industry association;
- 23 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be  
24 a representative of a private nonprofit economic development  
25 organization that drives job creation and new capital investment in  
26 Connecticut through business attraction, retention and expansion in  
27 close cooperation with state, regional and local partners;
- 28 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
29 Representatives, who shall be a representative of a labor union;
- 30 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be  
31 a representative of an organization that conducts research on  
32 occupational licensing reform;
- 33 (7) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, or the commissioner's  
34 designee;
- 35 (8) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's  
36 designee;
- 37 (9) The Commissioner of Administrative Services, or the  
38 commissioner's designee;
- 39 (10) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or  
40 the commissioner's designee; and
- 41 (11) The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee.

42 (c) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later  
43 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall  
44 be filled by the appointing authority.

45 (d) The members of the task force appointed pursuant to subdivisions  
46 (1) and (2) of subsection (b) of this section shall serve as the chairpersons  
47 of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of  
48 the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty days after the  
49 effective date of this section.

50 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
51 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to consumer  
52 protection shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

53 (f) Not later than January 1, 2025, the task force shall submit a report  
54 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of  
55 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
56 consumer protection, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a  
57 of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it  
58 submits such report or January 1, 2025, whichever is later."

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