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Referred to Committee on GENERAL LAW

Introduced by:
(GL)

AN ACT CONCERNING SOLAR LICENSING EXEMPTIONS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 20-340 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

3 The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to: (1) Persons
4 employed by any federal, state or municipal agency; (2) employees of
5 any public service company regulated by the Public Utilities Regulatory
6 Authority or of any corporate affiliate of any such company when the
7 work performed by such affiliate is on behalf of a public service
8 company, but in either case only if the work performed is in connection
9 with the rendition of public utility service, including the installation or
10 maintenance of wire for community antenna television service, or is in
11 connection with the installation or maintenance of wire or telephone sets
12 for single-line telephone service located inside the premises of a
13 consumer; (3) employees of any municipal corporation specially
14 chartered by this state; (4) employees of any contractor while such
15 contractor is performing electrical-line or emergency work for any
16 public service company; (5) persons engaged in the installation,

17 maintenance, repair and service of electrical or other appliances of a size
18 customarily used for domestic use where such installation commences
19 at an outlet receptacle or connection previously installed by persons
20 licensed to do the same and maintenance, repair and service is confined
21 to the appliance itself and its internal operation; (6) employees of
22 industrial firms whose main duties concern the maintenance of the
23 electrical work, plumbing and piping work, solar thermal work,
24 heating, piping, cooling work, sheet metal work, elevator installation,
25 repair and maintenance work, automotive glass work or flat glass work
26 of such firm on its own premises or on premises leased by it for its own
27 use; (7) employees of industrial firms when such employees' main
28 duties concern the fabrication of glass products or electrical, plumbing
29 and piping, fire protection sprinkler systems, solar, heating, piping,
30 cooling, chemical piping, sheet metal or elevator installation, repair and
31 maintenance equipment used in the production of goods sold by
32 industrial firms, except for products, electrical, plumbing and piping
33 systems and repair and maintenance equipment used directly in the
34 production of a product for human consumption; (8) persons
35 performing work necessary to the manufacture or repair of any
36 apparatus, appliances, fixtures, equipment or devices produced by it for
37 sale or lease; (9) employees of stage and theatrical companies
38 performing the operation, installation and maintenance of electrical
39 equipment if such installation commences at an outlet receptacle or
40 connection previously installed by persons licensed to make such
41 installation; (10) employees of carnivals, circuses or similar transient
42 amusement shows who install electrical work, provided such
43 installation shall be subject to the approval of the State Fire Marshal
44 prior to use as otherwise provided by law and shall comply with
45 applicable municipal ordinances and regulations; (11) persons engaged
46 in the installation, maintenance, repair and service of glass or electrical,
47 plumbing, fire protection sprinkler systems, solar, heating, piping,
48 cooling and sheet metal equipment in and about single-family
49 residences owned and occupied or to be occupied by such persons;
50 provided any such installation, maintenance and repair shall be subject
51 to inspection and approval by the building official of the municipality

52 in which such residence is located and shall conform to the requirements
53 of the State Building Code; (12) persons who install, maintain or repair
54 glass in a motor vehicle owned or leased by such persons; (13) persons
55 or entities holding themselves out to be retail sellers of glass products,
56 but not such persons or entities that also engage in automotive glass
57 work or flat glass work; (14) persons who install preglazed or
58 preassembled windows or doors in residential or commercial buildings;
59 (15) persons registered under chapter 400 who install safety-backed
60 mirror products or repair or replace flat glass in sizes not greater than
61 thirty square feet in residential buildings; (16) sheet metal work
62 performed in residential buildings consisting of six units or less by new
63 home construction contractors registered pursuant to chapter 399a, by
64 home improvement contractors registered pursuant to chapter 400 or by
65 persons licensed pursuant to this chapter, when such work is limited to
66 exhaust systems installed for hoods and fans in kitchens and baths,
67 clothes dryer exhaust systems, radon vent systems, fireplaces, fireplace
68 flues, masonry chimneys or prefabricated metal chimneys rated by
69 Underwriters Laboratories or installation of stand-alone appliances
70 including wood, pellet or other stand-alone stoves that are installed in
71 residential buildings by such contractors or persons; (17) employees of
72 or any contractor employed by and under the direction of a properly
73 licensed solar contractor, performing work limited to [the] (A)
74 uncrating, hoisting [, placement and anchoring] and job site distribution
75 of solar collectors, photovoltaic panels, towers or turbines, (B) pile
76 driving, (C) concrete form work, and (D) installation of ground screw
77 supports and racking systems; (18) persons performing swimming pool
78 maintenance and repair work authorized pursuant to section 20-417aa;
79 and (19) any employee of the Connecticut Airport Authority covered by
80 a state collective bargaining agreement.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	20-340
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Statement of Purpose:

To modify a licensing exemption by allowing certain persons, under the direction of a properly licensed solar contractor, to perform work limited to (1) uncrating, hoisting and job site distribution of solar collectors, photovoltaic panels, towers or turbines, (2) pile driving, (3) concrete form work, and (4) installation of ground screw supports and racking systems.

[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.]