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Committee Bill No. 135

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Referred to Committee on GENERAL LAW

Introduced by: (GL)

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

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

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 20-281c of the general statutes is
 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 2023):

- (a) The board shall grant the certificate of "certified public
 accountant" to any person who meets the good character, education,
 experience and examination requirements of subsections (b) to (d),
 inclusive, of this section and upon the payment of a fee of [one hundred
 fifty] one hundred dollars.
- 9 Sec. 2. Subsection (g) of section 20-281d of the general statutes is 10 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 11 2023):

(g) The board shall charge a fee of [one hundred fifty] <u>one hundred</u>
dollars for the initial issuance and the professional services fee for [class
I] class B, as defined in section 33-182*l*, for each annual renewal of such

15 license.

16 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 20-292 of the general statutes is 17 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 18 2023):

(a) Each licensed architect shall renew his or her license annually.
Pursuant to section 20-289, a licensee shall pay to the department the
professional services fee for [class F] <u>class B</u>, as defined in section 33182*l* and shall submit proof of, or attest to, completion of continuing
education requirements.

Sec. 4. Section 20-305 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

26 Applications for licensure under this chapter shall be on forms 27 prescribed and furnished by the Department of Consumer Protection. 28 The nonrefundable application fee for a professional engineer license 29 shall be eighty dollars. The nonrefundable application fee for an 30 engineer-in-training license shall be seventy-six dollars, which shall 31 accompany the application and which shall include the cost of the 32 issuance of a license. The nonrefundable application fee for a land 33 surveyor license shall be eighty dollars. The nonrefundable application 34 fee for a surveyor-in-training license shall be sixty-four dollars, which 35 shall accompany the application and which shall include the cost of the 36 issuance of a license. The initial license fee for a professional engineer 37 license or a land surveyor license shall be [two hundred twenty] one 38 hundred dollars. The application fee for a combined license as 39 professional engineer and land surveyor shall be eighty dollars. The 40 initial license fee for such combined license shall be [two hundred 41 twenty] one hundred dollars.

42 Sec. 5. Subsection (a) of section 20-306 of the general statutes is 43 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 44 2023): 45 (a) (1) The Department of Consumer Protection shall notify each 46 person licensed under this chapter of the date of the expiration of such 47 license and the amount of the fee required for its renewal for one year. 48 Such license renewals shall be accompanied by the payment of the 49 professional services fee for [class G] class B, as defined in section 33-50 1821, in the case of a professional engineer license, a professional 51 engineer and land surveyor combined license, or a land surveyor 52 license. The license shall be considered lapsed if not renewed on or 53 before the expiration date.

54 (2) Annual renewal of an engineer-in-training license or a surveyor-55 in-training license shall not be required. Any such license shall remain 56 valid for a period of ten years from the date of its original issuance and, 57 during this time, it shall meet in part the requirements for licensure as a 58 professional engineer or land surveyor. It shall not be the duty of the 59 department to notify the holder of an engineer-in-training license or a 60 surveyor-in-training license of the date of expiration of such license 61 other than to publish it annually in the roster.

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

Sec. 6. Subsection (a) of section 20-308 of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*,
2023):

(a) The board may, upon application and the payment of a fee of [one
hundred ninety] <u>one hundred</u> dollars to the Department of Consumer
Protection, authorize the department to issue a license as a professional
engineer, or a combined license as a professional engineer and land
surveyor or, upon application and the payment of a fee of [one hundred

77 ninety] one hundred dollars, to issue a license as a land surveyor to any 78 person who holds a certificate of qualification, licensure or registration 79 issued to such person by the proper authority of any state, territory or 80 possession of the United States, or any country, or the National Bureau 81 of Engineering Registration, provided the requirements for the licensure 82 or registration of professional engineers or land surveyors under which 83 such license, certificate of qualification or registration was issued shall 84 not conflict with the provisions of this chapter and shall be of a standard 85 not lower than that specified in section 20-302. Upon request of any such 86 applicant the board may, if it determines that the application is in 87 apparent good order, authorize the department to grant to such 88 applicant permission in writing to practice engineering or land 89 surveying or both for a specified period of time while such application 90 is pending. The board may waive the first part of the examination 91 specified in subdivision (1) of section 20-302 in the case of an applicant 92 for licensure as a professional engineer who holds a certificate as an 93 engineer-in-training issued to him by the proper authority of any state, 94 territory or possession of the United States, provided the requirements 95 under which the certificate was issued do not conflict with the 96 provisions of this chapter and are of a standard at least equal to that 97 specified in said subdivision (1). The board may waive that part of the 98 examination specified in subdivision (3) of section 20-302 relating to the 99 fundamentals of land surveying, in the case of an applicant for licensure 100 as a land surveyor who holds a certificate as a surveyor-in-training 101 issued to him by the proper authority of any state, territory or 102 possession of the United States, provided the requirements under which 103 the certificate was issued do not conflict with the provisions of this 104 chapter and are of a standard at least equal to that specified in said 105 subdivision (3).

Sec. 7. Subsection (f) of section 20-314 of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*,
2023):

109 (f) All licenses issued under the provisions of this chapter shall expire

110 annually. At the time of application for a real estate broker's license, 111 there shall be paid to the commission, for each individual applicant and 112 for each proposed active member or officer of a firm, partnership, 113 association or corporation, the sum of [five hundred sixty-five] one 114 hundred dollars, and for the annual renewal thereof, the sum of [three 115 hundred seventy-five] one hundred dollars, except that for licenses 116 expiring on March 31, 2022, a prorated renewal fee shall be charged to 117 reflect the fact that the March 2022, renewal shall expire on November 30, 2023. At the time of application for a real estate salesperson's license, 118 119 there shall be paid to the commission [two hundred eighty-five] one 120 hundred dollars and for the annual renewal thereof the sum of [two 121 hundred eighty-five] one hundred dollars. Three dollars of each such 122 annual renewal fee shall be payable to the Real Estate Guaranty Fund 123 established pursuant to section 20-324a. A real estate broker's license 124 issued to any partnership, association or corporation shall entitle the 125 individual designated in the application, as provided in section 20-312, 126 upon compliance with the terms of this chapter, but without the 127 payment of any further fee, to perform all of the acts of a real estate broker under this chapter on behalf of such partnership, association or 128 129 corporation. Any license which expires and is not renewed pursuant to 130 this subsection may be reinstated by the commission, if, not later than 131 two years after the date of expiration, the former licensee pays to the 132 commission for each real estate broker's license the sum of [three 133 hundred seventy-five] one hundred dollars and for each real estate 134 salesperson's license the sum of [two hundred eighty-five] one hundred 135 dollars for each year or fraction thereof from the date of expiration of 136 the previous license to the date of payment for reinstatement, except 137 that any licensee whose license expired after such licensee entered 138 military service shall be reinstated without payment of any fee if an 139 application for reinstatement is filed with the commission within two 140 years after the date of expiration. Any such reinstated broker's license 141 shall expire on the next succeeding November thirtieth, except that any 142 broker's license that is reinstated before March 31, 2022, shall expire on 143 March 31, 2022. Any such reinstated real estate salesperson's license

144 shall expire on the next succeeding May thirty-first.

Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 20-333 of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*,
2023):

148 (a) To obtain a license under this chapter, an applicant shall have 149 attained such applicant's eighteenth birthday and shall furnish such 150 evidence of competency as the appropriate board or the Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall require. A recommendation for review 151 152 issued pursuant to section 31-22u shall be sufficient to demonstrate such 153 competency. The applicant shall satisfy such board or the commissioner 154 that such applicant possesses a diploma or other evidence of graduation 155 from the eighth grade of grammar school, or possesses an equivalent 156 education to be determined on examination and has the requisite skill 157 to perform the work in the trade for which such applicant is applying 158 for a license and can comply with all other requirements of this chapter and the regulations adopted under this chapter. A recommendation for 159 160 review issued pursuant to section 31-22u shall be sufficient to 161 demonstrate that an applicant possesses such requisite skill and can 162 comply with all other requirements of this chapter and the regulations 163 adopted under this chapter. For any application submitted pursuant to 164 this section that requires a hearing or other action by the applicable 165 examining board or the commissioner, such hearing or other action by 166 the applicable examining board or the commissioner shall occur not later than thirty days after the date of submission for such application. 167 Upon application for any such license, the applicant shall pay to the 168 169 department a nonrefundable application fee of ninety dollars for a 170 license under subdivisions (2) and (3) of subsection (a) and subdivision 171 (4) of subsection (e) of section 20-334a, or a nonrefundable application 172 fee of [one hundred fifty] one hundred dollars for a license under 173 subdivision (1) of subsection (a), subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection 174 (b), subdivision (1) of subsection (c) and subdivisions (1), (2) and (3) of 175 subsection (e) of section 20-334a. Any such application fee shall be 176 waived for persons who present a recommendation for review issued

177 pursuant to section 31-22u.

Sec. 9. Section 20-335 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

180 Any person who has successfully completed an examination for such person's initial license under this chapter shall pay to the Department of 181 182 Consumer Protection a fee of [one hundred fifty] one hundred dollars 183 for a contractor's license or a fee of [one hundred twenty] one hundred dollars for any other such license. Any such initial license fee shall be 184 185 waived for persons who present a recommendation for review issued pursuant to section 31-22u. All such licenses shall expire annually. No 186 187 person shall carry on or engage in the work or occupations subject to 188 this chapter after the expiration of such person's license until such 189 person has filed an application bearing the date of such person's 190 registration card with the appropriate board. Such application shall be 191 in writing, addressed to the secretary of the board from which such 192 renewal is sought and signed by the person applying for such renewal. 193 A licensee applying for renewal shall, at such times as the commissioner 194 shall by regulation prescribe, furnish evidence satisfactory to the board 195 that the licensee has completed any continuing professional education 196 required under sections 20-330 to 20-341, inclusive, or any regulations 197 adopted thereunder. The board may renew such license if the application for such renewal is received by the board no later than one 198 199 month after the date of expiration of such license, upon payment to the 200 department of a renewal fee of [one hundred fifty] <u>one hundred</u> dollars 201 in the case of a contractor and of [one hundred twenty] one hundred 202 dollars for any other such license. For any completed renewal 203 application submitted pursuant to this section that requires a hearing or 204 other action by the applicable examining board, such hearing or other 205 action by the applicable examining board shall occur not later than 206 thirty days after the date of submission for such completed renewal 207 application. The department shall issue a receipt stating the fact of such 208 payment, which receipt shall be a license to engage in such work or 209 occupation. A licensee who has failed to renew such licensee's license

210 for a period of over two years from the date of expiration of such license 211 shall have it reinstated only upon complying with the requirements of 212 section 20-333, as amended by this act. All license fees and renewal fees 213 paid to the department pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the 214 General Fund. 215 Sec. 10. Subsection (h) of section 20-340d of the general statutes is 216 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 217 2023): 218 (h) The initial fee for a swimming pool builder's license shall be [one 219 hundred fifty] one hundred dollars and the renewal fee for such license 220 shall be one hundred dollars. Licenses shall be valid for a period of one 221 year from the date of issuance. 222 Sec. 11. Subsection (b) of section 20-340f of the general statutes is 223 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1, 224 2023): 225 (b) The initial fee for a residential stair lift technician's license shall be 226 [one hundred fifty] one hundred dollars and the renewal fee for such 227 license shall be seventy-five dollars. Licenses shall be valid for a period 228 of one year from the date of issuance. 229 Sec. 12. Subsection (b) of section 20-341u of the general statutes is 230 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 2023): 231 232 (b) Each application for a certificate of registration under this section 233 shall be accompanied by a fee of [one hundred ten] one hundred dollars. 234 Sec. 13. Subsection (d) of section 20-341y of the general statutes is 235 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1, 236 2023): 237 (d) The fee for renewal of a certificate shall be [one hundred ten] one 238 hundred dollars.

Sec. 14. Subsection (c) of section 20-349 of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*,
2023):

242 (c) Any person desiring to be licensed under this chapter shall apply 243 to the board in writing, on forms which the Department of Consumer 244 Protection shall provide, stating: (1) Such person's name, residence 245 address and business address; (2) a brief description of his 246 qualifications, including the length and nature of his experience; (3) in 247 the case of an apprentice, the name of his employer or supervisor; and 248 (4) such other information as the department may require. Each 249 application for a license as a service dealer shall be accompanied by a 250 fee of [two hundred] one hundred dollars. Each application for a license 251 as a licensed electronics technician, licensed antenna technician or 252 licensed radio electronics technician shall be accompanied by a fee of 253 eighty dollars. Each application for a permit as an apprentice shall be 254 accompanied by a fee of forty dollars. If a service dealer as an individual 255 is a licensed electronics technician or licensed radio electronics 256 technician, only one license fee shall be charged in the amount of [two 257 hundred] one hundred dollars. All such fees shall be paid to the 258 department.

Sec. 15. Subsection (d) of section 20-357m of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*,
2023):

262 (d) The commissioner shall issue a telecommunications infrastructure 263 layout technician license to any individual who: (1) Completes a college 264 level program or other program of instruction approved by the 265 Department of Consumer Protection that assures industry standards in 266 telecommunications infrastructure design; (2) submits an application 267 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section deemed acceptable by the 268 Commissioner of Consumer Protection; and (3) at the time of 269 application, has held for not less than five years and continues to hold a 270 valid unlimited or limited electrical license issued under the Electrical

271 Work Board or a public service technician certificate of registration 272 issued pursuant to section 20-340b, or has other equivalent experience 273 and training as required for an electrical license, as determined by the 274 commissioner. A license issued pursuant to this subsection is 275 nontransferable. The fee for a telecommunications infrastructure layout 276 technician license is [three hundred fifteen] two hundred dollars. Such 277 license shall be renewed biennially and the renewal fee is [three 278 hundred fifteen] two hundred dollars.

Sec. 16. Subsection (b) of section 20-369a of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*,
2023):

282 (b) A qualifying corporation or limited liability company desiring a 283 certificate of registration shall file with the board an application upon a 284 form prescribed by the Department of Consumer Protection, 285 accompanied by an application fee of eighty dollars. Each such 286 certificate shall expire annually and shall be renewable upon payment 287 of a fee of [two hundred] one hundred dollars. If all requirements of this 288 chapter are met, the board shall authorize the department to issue to 289 such corporation or limited liability company a certificate of registration 290 within thirty days after such application, provided the board may refuse 291 to authorize the issuance of a certificate if any facts exist which would 292 entitle the board to suspend or revoke an existing certificate of 293 registration.

Sec. 17. Subsection (a) of section 20-374 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 2023):

(a) Every licensed landscape architect shall pay an annual license fee
to the department. A holder of a valid license who is not engaging in the
active practice of the holder's profession in this state and does not desire
to register may allow the license to lapse by notifying the board of the
holder's intention not to renew the license. After a license has been
allowed to lapse or has been suspended, it may be reinstated upon

303 payment of a reinstatement fee and such proof of the landscape 304 architect's qualifications as may be required in the sound discretion of 305 the board. The department shall issue a receipt to each landscape 306 architect promptly upon the payment of the annual fee for a license. The 307 amount of fees prescribed by this chapter is that fixed by the following 308 schedule: (1) The application fee for examination shall be a 309 nonrefundable fee of eighty dollars; (2) the fee for an initial license shall 310 be [two hundred eighty] one hundred dollars; (3) the fee for a duplicate license shall be fifteen dollars; (4) the annual license fee shall be the 311 312 professional services fee for [class E] class B, as defined in section 33-313 182l; (5) the reinstatement fee for a suspended license shall be two 314 hundred fifty dollars; and (6) the reinstatement fee for a lapsed license 315 shall be one hundred eighty dollars.

Sec. 18. Subsection (b) of section 20-377m of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*,
2023):

(b) Each application for a certificate of registration shall be
accompanied by a fee of [one hundred ninety] <u>one hundred</u> dollars,
provided any architect licensed in this state shall not be required to pay
such fee.

Sec. 19. Subsection (e) of section 20-377s of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*,
2023):

(e) A registered interior designer may apply for renewal of a
certificate of registration. The fee for renewal of such certificate of
registration shall be [one hundred ninety] <u>one hundred</u> dollars,
provided any architect licensed in this state shall not be required to pay
such fee.

Sec. 20. Subsection (b) of section 20-417b of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*,
2023):

(b) Any person seeking a certificate of registration shall apply to the 334 335 commissioner, online, on a form provided by the commissioner. The 336 application shall include (1) the applicant's name, business street 337 address and business telephone number, (2) the identity of the insurer 338 that provides the applicant with insurance coverage for liability, (3) if 339 such applicant is required by any provision of the general statutes to 340 have workers' compensation coverage, the identity of the insurer that 341 provides the applicant with such workers' compensation coverage, (4) 342 if such applicant is required by any provision of the general statutes to 343 have an agent for service of process, the name and address of such agent, 344 and (5) proof of general liability insurance coverage in an amount not 345 less than twenty thousand dollars, demonstrated by providing the 346 policy number and business name of the insurance provider. Each such 347 application shall be accompanied by a fee of [one hundred twenty] one 348 hundred dollars, except that no such application fee shall be required if 349 such person has paid the registration fee required under section 20-421, 350 as amended by this act, during any year in which such person's 351 registration as a new home construction contractor would be valid.

Sec. 21. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 20-421 of the general statutes
are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*1, 2023):

(b) Each application for a certificate of registration as a home improvement contractor shall be accompanied by a fee of [one hundred twenty] <u>one hundred</u> dollars, except that no such application fee shall be required in any year during which such person has paid the registration fee required under section 20-417b, as amended by this act, or in any year in which such person's registration as a new home construction contractor is valid.

362 (c) Each application for a certificate of registration as a salesman shall
363 be accompanied by a fee of [one hundred twenty] <u>one hundred</u> dollars.

Sec. 22. Subsection (d) of section 20-457 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 366 2023):

367 (d) All certificates issued to community association managers under 368 the provisions of sections 20-450 to 20-462, inclusive, shall expire 369 annually on the thirty-first day of January. A holder of a certificate of 370 registration who seeks to renew his or her certificate shall, when filing 371 an application for renewal of the certificate, submit documentation to 372 the department which establishes that he or she has passed any 373 examination and completed any educational coursework, as the case 374 may be, required for certification under this chapter. The fee for renewal 375 of a certificate shall be [two hundred] one hundred dollars.

Sec. 23. Subsection (c) of section 20-492a of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*,
2023):

(c) All licenses issued under the provisions of this section shall expire
biennially and may be renewed upon application and payment to the
department of a renewal fee in the amount of [two hundred fifty] two
<u>hundred</u> dollars.

Sec. 24. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 20-511 of the general statutes
are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*1, 2023):

386 (a) In order to obtain an appraiser certification or a provisional 387 license, each person who has met, to the satisfaction of the commission, 388 the minimum requirements established by the commission for such 389 certification or provisional license shall pay to the commission, in 390 addition to the application fee described in subsection (c) of section 20-391 509, an initial fee of [: Three hundred seventy-five dollars in the case of 392 certified appraisers and] one hundred dollars. [in the case of provisional 393 licensees.]

(b) All certifications and provisional licenses issued under theprovisions of sections 20-500 to 20-528, inclusive, shall expire annually

and be subject to renewal. The renewal fee for certifications and
provisional licenses, to be paid to the commission, shall be [: Two
hundred eighty-five dollars in the case of certified appraisers and] one
hundred dollars. [in the case of provisional licensees.]

- 400 Sec. 25. Section 20-601 of the general statutes is repealed and the 401 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):
- 402 The department shall collect the following nonrefundable fees:

403 (1) The fee for issuance of a pharmacist license is [two hundred] <u>one</u>
404 <u>hundred</u> dollars, payable at the date of application for the license.

(2) The fee for renewal of a pharmacist license is the professional
services fee for class A, as defined in section 33-182*l*. Before the
commission grants a license to an applicant who has not held a license
authorized by the commission within five years of the date of
application, the applicant shall pay the fee required in subdivision (1) of
this section.

(3) The fee for issuance of a pharmacy license is seven hundred fiftydollars.

(4) The fee for renewal of a pharmacy license is one hundred ninetydollars.

(5) The late fee for an application for renewal of a license to practice
pharmacy, a pharmacy license or a permit to sell nonlegend drugs is the
amount set forth in section 21a-4.

(6) The fee for notice of a change in officers or directors of a
corporation holding a pharmacy license is sixty dollars for each
pharmacy license held. A late fee for failing to give such notice within
ten days of the change is fifty dollars in addition to the fee for notice.

422 (7) The fee for filing notice of a change in name, ownership or423 management of a pharmacy is ninety dollars. A late fee for failing to give

- such notice within ten days of the change is fifty dollars in addition tothe fee for notice.
- 426 (8) The fee for application for registration as a pharmacy intern is427 sixty dollars.
- 428 (9) The fee for application for a permit to sell nonlegend drugs is one429 hundred forty dollars.
- (10) The fee for renewal of a permit to sell nonlegend drugs is onehundred dollars.
- (11) The late fee for failing to notify the commission of a change of
 ownership, name or location of the premises of a permit to sell
 nonlegend drugs within five days of the change is twenty dollars.
- (12) The fee for issuance of a nonresident pharmacy certificate ofregistration is seven hundred fifty dollars.
- (13) The fee for renewal of a nonresident pharmacy certificate ofregistration is one hundred ninety dollars.
- (14) The fee for notice of a change in officers or directors of a
 corporation holding a nonresident pharmacy certificate of registration
 is sixty dollars for each pharmacy license held. A late fee for failing to
 give such notice within ten days of the change is fifty dollars, in addition
 to the fee for notice.
- (15) The fee for filing notice of a change in name, ownership or
 management of a nonresident pharmacy is ninety dollars. A late fee for
 failing to give such notice within ten days of the change is fifty dollars,
 in addition to the fee for notice.
- (16) The fee for application for registration as a pharmacy technicianis one hundred dollars.
- (17) The fee for renewal of a registration as a pharmacy technician isfifty dollars.

(18) The fee for issuance of a temporary permit to practice pharmacyis [two hundred] <u>one hundred</u> dollars.

454 Sec. 26. Subsection (b) of section 21a-190e of the general statutes is 455 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 456 2023):

457 (b) A fund-raising counsel who at any time has custody or control of 458 contributions from a solicitation shall register with the department. 459 Applications for registration or renewal of a registration as a fund-460 raising counsel shall be in a form prescribed by the commissioner and 461 shall be accompanied by a fee in the amount of [one hundred twenty] 462 one hundred dollars. Each fund-raising counsel shall certify that such 463 application or report is true and correct to the best of the fund-raising 464 counsel's knowledge. Each application shall contain such information as 465 the department shall require. Each registration shall be valid for one year and may be renewed for additional one-year periods. An applicant 466 467 for registration or for a renewal of registration as a fund-raising counsel 468 shall, at the time of making such application, file with and have 469 approved by the department a bond in a form prescribed by the 470 commissioner, in which the applicant shall be the principal obligor in 471 the sum of twenty thousand dollars, with one or more responsible 472 sureties whose liability in the aggregate as such sureties shall be no less 473 than such sum. The fund-raising counsel shall maintain the bond in 474 effect as long as the registration is in effect. The bond shall run to the 475 state and to any person who may have a cause of action against the 476 principal obligor of the bond for any liabilities resulting from the 477 obligor's conduct of any activities subject to sections 21a-190a to 21a-478 190l, inclusive, or arising out of a violation of said sections or any 479 regulation adopted pursuant to said sections. Any such fund-raising 480 counsel shall account to the charitable organization with which he has 481 contracted for all income received and expenses paid no later than 482 ninety days after a solicitation campaign has been completed, and in the 483 case of a solicitation campaign lasting more than one year, on the 484 anniversary of the commencement of such campaign. Such accounting

shall be in writing, shall be retained by the charitable organization for

three years and shall be available to the department upon request.

487 Sec. 27. Subsection (a) of section 21a-190f of the general statutes is
488 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*,
489 2023):

(a) No person shall act as a paid solicitor unless such person has first 490 491 registered with the department. Registration shall be in a form 492 prescribed by the commissioner, shall be certified by the paid solicitor 493 as true and correct to the best of the solicitor's knowledge and shall be 494 accompanied by a fee in the amount of [five hundred] one hundred 495 dollars. The application shall contain such information as the 496 department shall require. Each registration shall be valid for one year 497 and may be renewed for additional one-year periods.

498 Sec. 28. (NEW) (Effective from passage) (a) Except as provided in 499 subsection (b) of this section and not later than July 1, 2024, the 500 Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall adopt any regulations, in 501 accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, necessary to ensure 502 that any individual who is licensed, certified or permitted by, or 503 registered with, or who seeks a license, certification, permit or 504 registration from, the commissioner or the Department of Consumer 505 Protection is not charged a licensing, certification, permit or registration 506 fee in an amount that is greater than one hundred dollars per license, 507 certification, permit or registration year.

508 (b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to 509 any license, certification, permit or registration issued under title 30 of 510 the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following
sections:Section 1July 1, 202320-281c(a)Sec. 2July 1, 202320-281d(g)Sec. 3July 1, 202320-292(a)

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Statement of Purpose:

To provide that neither the Commissioner of Consumer Protection nor the Department of Consumer Protection may charge certain individuals a license, permit, certification or registration fee in an amount that is greater than one hundred dollars per license, certification, permit or registration year.

[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.]

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