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Raised Bill No. 199

LCO No. 1400



Referred to Committee on GENERAL LAW

Introduced by:
(GL)

AN ACT REQUIRING ONLINE PREVENTION EDUCATION FOR ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEM DEALER REGISTRATION.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than July 1, 2024,
2 the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall establish
3 and administer an online prevention education program for the
4 authorized owners of applicants for dealer registration, or renewal of
5 dealer registration, under section 21a-415 of the general statutes, as
6 amended by this act. For the purposes of this section, "authorized
7 owner" and "dealer registration" have the same meanings as provided
8 in section 21a-415 of the general statutes.

9 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 21a-415 of the 2024 supplement to the
10 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
11 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

12 (c) (1) Any applicant for a dealer registration or a renewal of a dealer
13 registration shall apply to the Department of Consumer Protection upon
14 forms to be furnished by the department, showing the name, address

15 and electronic mail address of the applicant, [and] showing the location
16 of the business entity that is to be operated under such dealer
17 registration and certifying that the authorized owner of the applicant
18 has successfully completed the online prevention education program
19 established and administered by the Department of Mental Health and
20 Addiction Services pursuant to section 1 of this act. The [department
21 may] Department of Consumer Protection: (A) May require that an
22 applicant submit documents sufficient to establish that state and local
23 building, fire and zoning requirements will be met at the location of any
24 sale; [. The department] (B) may, in [its] the department's discretion,
25 conduct an investigation to determine whether a dealer registration
26 shall be issued to an applicant; and (C) shall not issue a dealer
27 registration or a renewal of a dealer registration to an applicant unless
28 the authorized owner of the applicant has successfully completed the
29 online prevention education program established and administered by
30 the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services pursuant to
31 section 1 of this act.

32 (2) The commissioner shall issue a dealer registration to any such
33 applicant not later than thirty days after the date of application unless
34 the commissioner finds: (A) The applicant has wilfully made a
35 materially false statement in such application or in any other application
36 made to the commissioner; [or] (B) the applicant has neglected to pay
37 any taxes due to this state; or (C) the authorized owner of the applicant
38 has not successfully completed the online prevention education
39 program established and administered by the Department of Mental
40 Health and Addiction Services pursuant to section 1 of this act.

41 (3) A dealer registration issued under this section shall be renewed
42 annually and may be suspended or revoked at the discretion of the
43 Department of Consumer Protection. Any applicant or business entity
44 aggrieved by a denial of an application, refusal to renew a dealer
45 registration or suspension or revocation of a dealer registration may
46 appeal in the manner prescribed for permits under section 30-55. A
47 dealer registration shall not constitute property, nor shall it be subject to
48 attachment and execution, nor shall it be alienable.

49 (4) The applicant shall pay to the department a nonrefundable
50 application fee of seventy-five dollars, which fee shall be in addition to
51 the annual fee prescribed in subsection (d) of this section. An application
52 fee shall not be charged for an application to renew a dealer registration.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	21a-415(c)

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to establish and administer, and the authorized owner of an applicant for an electronic nicotine delivery system dealer registration to successfully complete, an online prevention education program.

[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.]