



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 267

LCO No. 1854



Referred to Committee on AGING

Introduced by:
(AGE)

AN ACT PROHIBITING HOMEMAKER-COMPANION AGENCIES FROM ADVERTISING PROVISION OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES AND EXPANDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF CONDITIONS FOR AUTHORIZED OPERATION.

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

1 Section 1. Section 20-673 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

3 Upon receipt of a completed application and fee, the Commissioner
4 of Consumer Protection shall issue and deliver to the applicant a
5 certificate to engage in the business for which the application was made;
6 or refuse to issue the certificate. The commissioner may, for a violation
7 of any of the provisions of this chapter, (1) suspend, revoke, place
8 conditions upon or refuse to issue or renew any certificate issued under
9 sections 20-670 to 20-680, inclusive, [or may] (2) issue a fine not to exceed
10 one thousand dollars per violation, (3) place a registrant on probation,
11 or (4) issue a letter of reprimand. No application for the reinstatement
12 of a certificate which has been revoked shall be accepted by the
13 commissioner within one year after the date of such revocation.

14 Sec. 2. Section 20-677 of the general statutes is amended by adding
15 subsection (g) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

16 (NEW) (g) On and after July 1, 2022, (1) no homemaker-companion
17 agency applying for a new certificate of registration shall include in its
18 business name any words that indicate or suggest that such agency
19 provides any services beyond the scope of the services authorized under
20 this chapter, including, but not limited to, words relating to medical or
21 health care licensure or services, and (2) no homemaker-companion
22 agency shall include in its advertising any words that indicate or
23 suggest that such agency provides any services beyond the scope of
24 services authorized under this chapter, including, but not limited to,
25 words relating to medical or health care licensure or services.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	20-673
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	20-677

Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit homemaker-companion agencies from advertising that they provide health and medical services and adding to the range of penalties such agencies may face for violations of conditions for authorized operation.

[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.]