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AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING VARIOUS STATUTES CONCERNING CONSUMER PROTECTION.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (f) of section 20-280 of the 2026 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (f) The Department of Consumer Protection and the board shall have
5 the power to take all [action] actions that [is] are necessary and proper
6 to effectuate the purposes of sections 20-279b to 20-281m, inclusive,
7 including, but not limited to, the power to issue subpoenas to compel
8 the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents, [;] to
9 administer oaths, [;] to take testimony and to receive evidence
10 concerning all matters within [its] the board's jurisdiction. In case of
11 disobedience of a subpoena, the department or the board may invoke
12 the aid of any court of this state in requiring the attendance and
13 testimony of witnesses and the production of documentary evidence.
14 The department and the board, [its] the board's members [,] and [its] the

15 board's agents shall be immune from personal liability for actions taken
16 in good faith in the discharge of the board's responsibilities, and the
17 state shall indemnify and hold harmless the board, its members, and its
18 agents from all costs, damages, and attorneys' fees arising from claims
19 and suits against them with respect to matters to which such immunity
20 applies.

21 Sec. 2. Section 20-280b of the general statutes is repealed and the
22 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

23 (a) The Department of Consumer Protection and the board may
24 conduct hearings on any matter within [its] the board's statutory
25 jurisdiction. Such hearings shall be conducted in accordance with
26 chapter 54 and the regulations established pursuant to subsection (g) of
27 section 20-280. In connection with any hearing or investigation, the
28 department or the board may administer oaths, issue subpoenas,
29 compel testimony and order the production of books, records and
30 documents. If any person refuses to appear, testify or produce any book,
31 record or document when so ordered, a judge of the Superior Court may
32 make such order as may be appropriate to aid in the enforcement of this
33 section. The final decision of the department or the board shall be subject
34 to judicial review as provided in section 4-183.

35 (b) The Department of Consumer Protection or the board may, in [its]
36 either's discretion, issue an appropriate order to any person found to be
37 in violation of an applicable statute or regulation, providing for the
38 immediate discontinuance of the violation. The department or the board
39 may, through the Attorney General, petition the superior court for the
40 judicial district in which the violation occurred, or in which the person
41 committing the violation resides or does business, for the enforcement
42 of any order issued by [it] the department or the board and for
43 appropriate temporary relief or a restraining order and shall certify and
44 file in the court a transcript of the entire record of the hearing or
45 hearings, including all testimony upon which such order was made and
46 the findings and orders made by the department or the board. The court

47 may grant such relief by injunction or otherwise, including temporary
48 relief, as [it] the court deems equitable and may make and enter a decree
49 enforcing, modifying or enforcing as so modified, or setting aside, in
50 whole or in part, any order of the department or the board. The
51 department or the board, in [its] either's discretion, in lieu of or in
52 addition to any other action authorized by law, may assess a civil
53 penalty of up to fifty thousand dollars against any person found to have
54 violated any provision of the general statutes or any regulations
55 adopted thereunder relating to the profession of public accountancy.

56 Sec. 3. Section 20-295b of the general statutes is repealed and the
57 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

58 (a) Any person who, on October 1, 1969, holds a certificate of
59 authority or renewal issued pursuant to sections 20-295 and 20-295a of
60 the general statutes, revised to 1968, shall be entered on the roster of
61 licensed architects and shall thereafter be authorized and entitled to
62 practice architecture in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

63 (b) An architect licensed in this state may perform the work of an
64 interior designer as prescribed in chapter 396a without obtaining a
65 certificate of registration as an interior designer under said chapter.
66 [Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, an architect licensed
67 in this state shall not be required to satisfy the continuing education
68 requirements for registered interior designers established in subsections
69 (f) and (g) of section 20-377s if such architect satisfies all continuing
70 education requirements set forth in this chapter necessary for such
71 architect to maintain such license.]

72 (c) An architect licensed in this state who holds a certificate of
73 registration as an interior designer issued under chapter 396a shall be
74 subject to [(1) the continuing education requirements for registered
75 interior designers established in subsections (f) and (g) of section 20-
76 377s, and (2)] the fee for renewal of such certificate of registration
77 established in subsection (e) of section 20-377s, as amended by this act.

78 Sec. 4. Section 20-305 of the general statutes is repealed and the
79 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

80 Applications for licensure under this chapter shall be on forms
81 prescribed and furnished by the Department of Consumer Protection.
82 The nonrefundable application fee for a professional engineer license
83 shall be eighty dollars. The nonrefundable application fee for an
84 engineer-in-training license shall be seventy-six dollars, which shall
85 accompany the application and which shall include the cost of the
86 issuance of a license. The nonrefundable application fee for a land
87 surveyor license shall be eighty dollars. The nonrefundable application
88 fee for a surveyor-in-training license shall be sixty-four dollars, which
89 shall accompany the application and which shall include the cost of the
90 issuance of a license. The initial license fee for a professional engineer
91 license or a land surveyor license shall be [two hundred twenty] four
92 hundred forty dollars. The application fee for a combined license as
93 professional engineer and land surveyor shall be eighty dollars. The
94 initial license fee for such combined license shall be [two hundred
95 twenty] four hundred forty dollars.

96 Sec. 5. Section 20-306 of the general statutes is repealed and the
97 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

98 (a) (1) The Department of Consumer Protection shall notify each
99 person licensed under this chapter of the date of the expiration of such
100 license and the amount of the fee required for its renewal for [one year]
101 two years. Such license renewals shall be accompanied by the payment
102 of [the professional services fee for class G, as defined in section 33-182l,]
103 five hundred seventy dollars in the case of a professional engineer
104 license, a professional engineer and land surveyor combined license, or
105 a land surveyor license. The license shall be considered lapsed if not
106 renewed on or before the expiration date.

107 (2) [Annual] Biennial renewal of an engineer-in-training license or a
108 surveyor-in-training license shall not be required. Any such license shall

109 remain valid for a period of ten years from the date of its original
110 issuance and, during this time, it shall meet in part the requirements for
111 licensure as a professional engineer or land surveyor. It shall not be the
112 duty of the department to notify the holder of an engineer-in-training
113 license or a surveyor-in-training license of the date of expiration of such
114 license other than to publish it annually in the roster.

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

122 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section
123 concerning fees, any person who is licensed under the provisions of this
124 chapter, who is age sixty-five or over and who is no longer actively
125 engaged in the practice of engineering or any of its branches, or land
126 surveying, may renew such license [annually] biennially upon payment
127 of [the professional services fee for class A, as defined in section 33-182]
128 one hundred twenty dollars.

129 Sec. 6. Subsection (a) of section 20-308 of the general statutes is
130 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
131 *1, 2026*):

132 (a) The board may, upon application and the payment of a fee of [one
133 hundred ninety] three hundred eighty dollars to the Department of
134 Consumer Protection, authorize the department to issue a license as a
135 professional engineer, or a combined license as a professional engineer
136 and land surveyor or, upon application and the payment of a fee of one
137 hundred ninety dollars, to issue a license as a land surveyor to any
138 person who holds a certificate of qualification, licensure or registration
139 issued to such person by the proper authority of any state, territory or

140 possession of the United States, or any country, or the National Bureau
141 of Engineering Registration, provided the requirements for the licensure
142 or registration of professional engineers or land surveyors under which
143 such license, certificate of qualification or registration was issued shall
144 not conflict with the provisions of this chapter and shall be of a standard
145 not lower than that specified in section 20-302. Upon request of any such
146 applicant the board may, if it determines that the application is in
147 apparent good order, authorize the department to grant to such
148 applicant permission in writing to practice engineering or land
149 surveying or both for a specified period of time while such application
150 is pending. The board may waive the first part of the examination
151 specified in subdivision (1) of section 20-302 in the case of an applicant
152 for licensure as a professional engineer who holds a certificate as an
153 engineer-in-training issued to him by the proper authority of any state,
154 territory or possession of the United States, provided the requirements
155 under which the certificate was issued do not conflict with the
156 provisions of this chapter and are of a standard at least equal to that
157 specified in said subdivision (1). The board may waive that part of the
158 examination specified in subdivision (3) of section 20-302 relating to the
159 fundamentals of land surveying, in the case of an applicant for licensure
160 as a land surveyor who holds a certificate as a surveyor-in-training
161 issued to him by the proper authority of any state, territory or
162 possession of the United States, provided the requirements under which
163 the certificate was issued do not conflict with the provisions of this
164 chapter and are of a standard at least equal to that specified in said
165 subdivision (3).

166 Sec. 7. Subsection (c) of section 20-314 of the general statutes is
167 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
168 *2026*):

169 (c) In order to determine the competency of any applicant for a real
170 estate licensee's license, the commission or Commissioner of Consumer
171 Protection shall, on payment of an application fee of one hundred
172 twenty dollars by an applicant for a real estate broker's license or an

173 application fee of eighty dollars by an applicant for a real estate
174 salesperson's license, subject such applicant to personal written
175 examination as to the applicant's competency to act as a real estate
176 broker or real estate salesperson, as the case may be. Each examination
177 shall be prepared by the department or by a national testing service
178 designated by the commissioner and shall be administered to applicants
179 by the department or by such testing service at such times and places as
180 the commissioner may deem necessary. The commission or
181 commissioner may waive the uniform portion of the written
182 examination requirement in the case of an applicant who has taken the
183 national testing service examination in another state within two years
184 from the date of application and has received a score deemed
185 satisfactory by the commission or commissioner. An applicant shall
186 submit to the commission or commissioner evidence that the applicant
187 has successfully completed the final examination for the real estate
188 license for which such applicant has applied, which successful
189 completion shall occur within two years from the date of application
190 unless the applicant submits to the commission a written request for,
191 and the commission grants, a hardship extension of such two-year
192 period. The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with
193 chapter 54, establishing passing scores for examinations. In addition to
194 such application fee, applicants taking the examination administered by
195 a national testing service shall be required to pay directly to such testing
196 service an examination fee covering the cost of such examination. Each
197 payment of such application fee shall entitle the applicant to take such
198 examination within the one-year period from the date of payment.

199 Sec. 8. Subdivision (3) of section 20-330 of the general statutes is
200 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
201 *passage*):

202 (3) "Plumbing and piping work" means the installation, repair,
203 replacement, alteration, maintenance, inspection or testing of
204 alternative fuels, petroleum-based products, gas, water and associated
205 fixtures, tubing and piping mains and branch lines up to and including

206 the closest valve to a machine or equipment used in the manufacturing
207 process, laboratory equipment, sanitary equipment, other than
208 subsurface sewage disposal systems, fire prevention apparatus, all
209 water systems for human usage, sewage treatment facilities and all
210 associated fittings within a building and includes lateral storm and
211 sanitary lines from buildings to the mains, process piping, swimming
212 pools and pumping equipment, and includes making connections to
213 back flow prevention devices, and includes low voltage wiring, not
214 exceeding twenty-four volts, used within a lawn sprinkler system, but
215 does not include (A) solar thermal work performed pursuant to a
216 certificate held as provided in section 20-334g, except for the repair of
217 those portions of a solar hot water heating system that include the basic
218 domestic hot water tank and the tie-in to the potable water system, (B)
219 the installation, repair, replacement, alteration, maintenance, inspection
220 or testing of fire prevention apparatus within a structure, except for
221 standpipes that are not connected to sprinkler systems, (C) medical gas
222 and vacuum systems work, and (D) millwright work. For the purposes
223 of this subdivision, "process piping" means piping or tubing that
224 conveys liquid or gas that is used directly in the production of a
225 chemical or a product for human consumption;

226 Sec. 9. Section 20-337 of the general statutes is repealed and the
227 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

228 (a) Nothing in this chapter shall require that the ownership or control
229 of a business engaged in providing the work or services licensed under
230 the provisions of this chapter be vested in a person licensed under this
231 chapter, but all the work and services set forth in section 20-330, as
232 amended by this act, shall be performed by persons licensed for such
233 work or occupation under this chapter.

234 (b) (1) A business engaged in providing any work or services licensed
235 under the provisions of this chapter shall (A) designate a contractor of
236 record, and (B) disclose to the Department of Consumer Protection, in a
237 form and manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Consumer

238 Protection, (i) the name, telephone number and electronic mail address
239 of such designated contractor of record, and (ii) any change in the
240 information disclosed to the department pursuant to subparagraph
241 (B)(i) of this subdivision, including, but not limited to, any change in
242 such information due to the designation of a substitute contractor of
243 record, not later than ten days after such change occurs.

244 (2) Each contractor of record designated pursuant to subdivision (1)
245 of this subsection shall be (A) an owner or direct employee of the
246 business, (B) licensed, in good standing, under this chapter to perform
247 the work or services provided by the business, (C) regularly engaged
248 with the business while such business is engaged in providing any work
249 or services licensed under the provisions of this chapter, and (D)
250 responsible for acting on behalf of the business in obtaining any
251 building permit required by such business.

252 (3) No contractor of record designated pursuant to subdivision (1) of
253 this subsection shall serve as the designated contractor of record for
254 more than one business at any time.

255 (4) For purposes of this subsection, "direct employee" (A) means an
256 individual whose (i) manner and means of work performance are
257 subject to the right of control of, or are controlled by, the business, and
258 (ii) compensation is reported, or required to be reported, on a federal
259 Form W-2 issued by, or caused to be issued by, the business, and (B)
260 does not include any individual who is an independent contractor,
261 subcontractor or consultant of the business.

262 Sec. 10. Section 20-377s of the general statutes is repealed and the
263 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

264 (a) A registered interior designer shall include his or her certificate of
265 registration number in any advertisement and may include his or her
266 certificate of registration number in any written communication.

267 (b) No person shall: (1) Present or attempt to present, as his or her

268 own, the certificate of another, (2) knowingly give false evidence of a
269 material nature to the commissioner for the purpose of procuring a
270 certificate, (3) use or attempt to use a certificate which has expired or
271 which has been suspended or revoked, (4) represent himself or herself
272 falsely as, or impersonate, a registered interior designer, or (5) represent
273 in any manner that his or her certificate of registration constitutes an
274 endorsement of the quality of his or her workmanship or of his or her
275 competency by the commissioner.

276 (c) Certificates of registration issued to an interior designer shall not
277 be transferable or assignable.

278 (d) All certificates of registration issued under the provisions of
279 sections 20-377k to 20-377v, inclusive, shall expire annually.

280 (e) A registered interior designer may apply for renewal of a
281 certificate of registration. The fee for renewal of such certificate of
282 registration shall be one hundred ninety dollars, provided any architect
283 licensed in this state shall not be required to pay such fee.

284 [(f) A registered interior designer shall complete a minimum of four
285 hours of continuing education every three years. Such three-year period
286 shall commence on the first date of renewal of the applicant's certificate
287 of registration on or after October 1, 2015. The continuing education
288 shall be in areas related to the application of the State Building Code and
289 the Fire Safety Code.

290 (g) A registered interior designer who applies for a renewal of a
291 certificate of registration on or after October 1, 2018, shall sign a
292 statement on a form prescribed by the commissioner attesting that he or
293 she has satisfied the continuing education requirements of subsection (f)
294 of this section. Such applicant shall retain records of attendance or
295 certificates of completion that demonstrate compliance with such
296 continuing education requirements for a minimum of three years
297 following the year in which the continuing education activities were
298 completed. Such applicant shall submit such records to the

299 commissioner for inspection not later than forty-five days after a request
300 by the commissioner for such records.]

301 Sec. 11. Subdivision (5) of section 20-670 of the general statutes is
302 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
303 *passage*):

304 (5) "Comprehensive background check" means a background
305 investigation of a prospective employee performed by a homemaker-
306 companion agency, that includes (A) a review of any application
307 materials prepared or requested by the homemaker-companion agency
308 and completed by the prospective employee, (B) an in-person or video-
309 conference interview of the prospective employee, (C) verification of the
310 prospective employee's Social Security number, (D) if the prospective
311 employee has applied for a position within the homemaker-companion
312 agency that requires licensure on the part of such prospective employee,
313 verification that the required license is in good standing, (E) a check of
314 the registry established and maintained pursuant to section 54-257, (F)
315 a [local] state and national criminal background check of criminal
316 matters of public record based on the prospective employee's name and
317 date of birth that includes a search of a multistate and multijurisdiction
318 criminal record locator or other similar commercial nationwide
319 database with validation, and a search of the United States Department
320 of Justice National Sex Offender Public Website, conducted by a third-
321 party consumer reporting agency or background screening company
322 that is accredited by the Professional Background Screening Association
323 and in compliance with the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act, (G) if the
324 prospective employee has resided in this state for less than three years
325 prior to the date of such prospective employee's application with the
326 homemaker-companion agency, a review of criminal conviction
327 information from the state or states where such prospective employee
328 resided during such three-year period, and (H) a review of any other
329 information that the homemaker-companion agency deems necessary in
330 order to evaluate the suitability of the prospective employee for the
331 position.

332 Sec. 12. Section 21a-39 of the general statutes is repealed and the
333 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

334 (a) As used in this section, "adulterated" has the same meaning as
335 provided in section 21a-101.

336 [(a)] (b) No person shall sell or offer or expose for sale in any
337 establishment or vending machine, or have in [his] such person's
338 possession with intent to sell therefrom, any food, beverage or
339 ingredient which is adulterated or misbranded.

340 [(b)] (c) The commissioner may cause samples of any food, beverage
341 or ingredient so sold, offered, exposed or possessed to be taken and
342 examined as often as may be necessary to determine freedom from
343 adulteration or misbranding. Upon written notice to the establishment
344 or vending machine operator, the commissioner may [impound and]
345 take the following actions to protect public health and safety: (1)
346 Impound any food or beverage which is adulterated or misbranded; (2)
347 forbid the sale of any food or beverage which is adulterated or
348 misbranded; and [, after hearing,] (3) prohibit such establishment from
349 selling or offering for sale any food or beverage which was adulterated
350 or misbranded until the conditions that caused such adulteration or
351 misbranding, and are likely to cause future adulteration or
352 misbranding, have been remedied.

353 (d) After a hearing, the commissioner may cause any [such]
354 adulterated or misbranded food or beverage to be destroyed, provided,
355 in the case of misbranding which may be corrected by proper labeling,
356 the commissioner may release such food or beverage to the
357 establishment or vending machine operator upon corrective action
358 being taken.

359 Sec. 13. Subsection (a) of section 21a-430 of the 2026 supplement to
360 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
361 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

362 (a) No person shall place or cause to be placed in a public place a
363 donation bin for the donation of clothing or other articles unless (1) such
364 person obtains advance written consent from the owner of such public
365 place, or such owner's duly authorized agent, to place such donation
366 bin, or cause such bin to be placed, in such public place, and (2) such bin
367 contains a notice, in block letters at least two inches high, stating, (A) if
368 the donation is for a charitable purpose, (i) the name of the nonprofit
369 organization that will benefit from the donation, (ii) the charity
370 registration number the Department of Consumer Protection issued to
371 the nonprofit organization, (iii) the name and contact information of the
372 owner of such bin, and [(iii)] (iv) that the public may contact the
373 Department of Consumer Protection for further information, or (B) if not
374 intended for a charitable purpose, that such donation is not for a
375 charitable purpose. Such notice shall be on the same side of the bin
376 where the donation is likely to be made. As used in this section, "public
377 place" means any area that is used or held out for use by the public,
378 whether owned or operated by public or private interests, and "donation
379 bin" means a large container commonly placed in a parking lot for the
380 purpose of encouraging individuals to donate clothing or other items.

381 Sec. 14. Subsection (b) of section 42-200 of the general statutes is
382 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
383 *2026*):

384 (b) A funeral service contract shall be in writing and shall contain,
385 except as provided in subsection (c) of this section: [, the following:]

386 (1) The name, address, telephone number and Social Security number
387 of the beneficiary and the purchaser;

388 (2) The name, address, telephone number and license number of the
389 funeral director for the funeral service establishment providing the
390 goods or services;

391 (3) A list of the selected goods or services, if any;

392 (4) The amount of funds paid or to be paid by the purchaser for such
393 contract, the method of payment and a description of how such funds
394 will be invested and how such investments are limited to those
395 authorized pursuant to subsection (c) of section 42-202;

396 (5) A description of any price guarantees by the funeral service
397 establishment or, if there are no such guarantees, a specific statement
398 that the contract contains no guarantees on the price of the goods or
399 services contained in the contract;

400 (6) The name and address of the escrow agent designated to hold the
401 prepaid funeral services funds;

402 (7) A written representation, in clear and conspicuous bold type, that
403 (A) the purchaser should receive a notice from the escrow agent
404 acknowledging receipt of the initial deposit and the amount of such
405 deposit not later than [twenty-five] ten days after receipt of such deposit
406 by a licensed funeral director, and (B) the purchaser or the beneficiary
407 has the right to cancel such contract if (i) such contract is a revocable
408 funeral service contract, and (ii) the purchaser does not receive such
409 notice or the full amount of such deposit was not placed in escrow;

410 (8) A description of any fees to be paid from the escrow account to
411 the escrow agent or any third party provider;

412 (9) A description of the ability of the purchaser or the beneficiary to
413 cancel a revocable funeral service contract and the effect of cancelling
414 such contract, and the following statement immediately adjacent to the
415 space provided for the purchaser's signature: "YOU, THE BUYER, OR
416 YOUR BENEFICIARY MAY CANCEL THIS TRANSACTION AT ANY
417 TIME PRIOR TO THE RENDERING OF SERVICES.";

418 (10) For irrevocable contracts, a description of the ability of the
419 beneficiary to transfer such contract to another funeral home; [and]

420 (11) The signature of the purchaser or authorized representative and

421 the licensed funeral director of the funeral service establishment; and

422 (12) A statement signed by the purchaser attesting that, prior to
423 executing such contract, the purchaser received (A) a copy of the fact
424 sheet on funeral service contracts published on the Department of
425 Consumer Protection's Internet web site, and (B) time to review such
426 fact sheet.

427 Sec. 15. Subsection (a) of section 42-202 of the general statutes is
428 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
429 *2026*):

430 (a) A licensed funeral service establishment shall deposit any money
431 or securities which such establishment receives pursuant to a funeral
432 service contract, and not later than [~~fifteen~~] three days after its receipt of
433 such money or securities, in one or more escrow accounts established in
434 accordance with the provisions of this section. Not later than [~~ten~~] five
435 days after the [~~initial~~] deposit of such money or securities, the escrow
436 agent shall notify the purchaser, in writing, of the agent's receipt of such
437 [~~initial~~] deposit and the amount of such [~~initial~~] deposit. Such escrow
438 agent shall notify the purchaser of any transfer of such funds or
439 securities, except when such transfer is to pay for services as required
440 by the funeral service contract. Such funds or securities shall not be
441 transferred to an insurance contract without a description to the
442 purchaser by the funeral director of any fees, costs or commissions
443 associated with such insurance contract and without obtaining the
444 written consent of the purchaser to such transfer.

445 Sec. 16. Section 42-207 of the general statutes is repealed and the
446 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

447 (a) An irrevocable funeral service contract may be entered into in
448 which the amount held in escrow or a death benefit payable under an
449 individual or group life insurance policy may be disbursed only upon
450 the death of the beneficiary, provided such a contract does not exceed
451 ten thousand dollars and all interest, growth or dividends accumulates

452 to the escrow account or insurance policy and are inaccessible to the
453 beneficiary. Such irrevocable funeral service contract may be transferred
454 from one funeral service establishment to another upon request of the
455 beneficiary or a legal representative of the beneficiary. The purchase of
456 an irrevocable funeral service contract shall not preclude an individual
457 from purchasing other funeral service contracts that are revocable,
458 provided any such revocable funeral service contract purchased by a
459 Medicaid beneficiary may be revoked only upon written notice by the
460 Medicaid beneficiary to the Commissioner of Social Services. An
461 irrevocable funeral service contract shall provide that, upon the death
462 of the beneficiary, the state of Connecticut shall receive any amounts
463 remaining after performance of the contract, up to (1) the total amount
464 of medical assistance paid by the state of Connecticut on behalf of the
465 beneficiary that is recoverable under 42 USC 1396p, and (2) the total
466 amount of all other forms of public assistance paid by the state of
467 Connecticut on behalf of the beneficiary or his or her dependent child.
468 The funeral service establishment providing services under such a
469 contract shall make payment of such remaining funds to the
470 Commissioner of Social Services not later than sixty days after all
471 services have been performed under such contract. If a funeral service
472 establishment pays such remaining amount to any person other than the
473 Commissioner of Social Services, the funeral service establishment shall
474 be liable to said commissioner for repayment of such amount.

475 (b) A purchaser shall have the right to cancel an irrevocable funeral
476 service contract at any time prior to midnight on the third calendar day
477 after the day on which the purchaser signed and received a copy of the
478 contract. A purchaser may not waive such right of cancellation, and any
479 contract providing that a purchaser has waived such right of
480 cancellation is voidable by the purchaser, the beneficiary or the legal
481 representative of the beneficiary. If a purchaser elects to cancel an
482 irrevocable funeral service contract under this subsection, the purchaser
483 shall do so by giving to the person who sold the contract a cancellation
484 notice by hand-delivery, United States mail, postage prepaid, or

485 overnight common carrier delivery service. Such cancellation shall be
486 without penalty or obligation, and all payments made by the purchaser
487 prior to such cancellation shall be refunded to the purchaser not later
488 than twenty business days after the date on which the person who sold
489 such contract received a timely cancellation notice under this
490 subsection.

491 (c) Each irrevocable funeral service contract shall contain the
492 following statement, or a substantially similar statement, in conspicuous
493 type:

494 "PURCHASER'S RIGHT TO CANCEL.

495 (1) BY SIGNING THIS CONTRACT YOU ARE INCURRING AN
496 OBLIGATION TO PURCHASE AN IRREVOCABLE FUNERAL
497 SERVICE CONTRACT. YOU MAY, HOWEVER, CANCEL THIS
498 CONTRACT WITHOUT PENALTY OR OBLIGATION BEFORE
499 MIDNIGHT OF THE THIRD CALENDAR DAY AFTER THE DATE
500 YOU SIGN AND RECEIVE A COPY OF THE CONTRACT.

501 (2) IF YOU DECIDE TO CANCEL THIS CONTRACT, YOU MAY DO
502 SO BY EITHER HAND-DELIVERING NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
503 TO THE CONTRACT SELLER OR BY MAILING NOTICE BY PREPAID
504 UNITED STATES MAIL TO THE CONTRACT SELLER, OR BY
505 PROVIDING NOTICE BY OVERNIGHT COMMON CARRIER
506 DELIVERY SERVICE TO THE CONTRACT SELLER. YOUR NOTICE
507 OF CANCELLATION IS EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE SENT. IF
508 MAILED OR SENT BY OVERNIGHT COMMON CARRIER FOR YOUR
509 PROTECTION, SHOULD YOU DECIDE TO CANCEL, YOU SHOULD
510 EITHER SEND YOUR NOTICE OF CANCELLATION BY CERTIFIED
511 MAIL WITH A RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED OR OBTAIN A
512 SIGNED AND DATED RECEIPT IF DELIVERING IT IN PERSON OR
513 BY OVERNIGHT COMMON CARRIER.

514 (3) A PURCHASER SHOULD NOT RELY ON STATEMENTS
515 OTHER THAN THOSE INCLUDED IN THIS CONTRACT.

516 (4) SHOULD YOU CANCEL, ANY PAYMENTS MADE BY YOU
517 UNDER THE CONTRACT AND ANY NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENT
518 EXECUTED BY YOU WILL BE RETURNED WITHIN TWENTY
519 BUSINESS DAYS FOLLOWING RECEIPT BY THE CONTRACT
520 SELLER OF YOUR CANCELLATION NOTICE."

521 Sec. 17. Subsection (a) of section 51-344a of the general statutes is
522 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
523 *passage*):

524 (a) Whenever the term "judicial district of Hartford-New Britain" or
525 "judicial district of Hartford-New Britain at Hartford" is used or referred
526 to in the following sections of the general statutes, it shall be deemed to
527 mean or refer to the judicial district of Hartford on and after September
528 1, 1998: Sections 2-48, 3-21a, 3-62d, 3-70a, 3-71a, 4-61, 4-160, 4-164, 4-
529 177b, 4-180, 4-183, 4-197, 5-202, 5-276a, 8-30g, 9-7a, 9-7b, 9-369b, 10-153e,
530 12-208, 12-237, 12-268l, 12-312, 12-330m, 12-405k, 12-422, 12-448, 12-454,
531 12-456, 12-463, 12-489, 12-522, 12-554, 12-565, 12-572, 12-586f, 12-597, 12-
532 730, 13b-34, 13b-235, 13b-315, 13b-375, 14-57, 14-66, 14-67u, 14-110, 14-
533 195, 14-311, 14-311c, 14-324, 14-331, 15-125, 15-126, 16-41, 16a-5, 17b-60,
534 17b-100, 17b-238, 17b-531, 19a-85, 19a-86, 19a-425, 19a-498, 19a-517, 19a-
535 526, 19a-633, 20-12f, 20-13e, 20-29, 20-40, 20-45, 20-59, 20-73a, 20-86f, 20-
536 99, 20-114, 20-133, 20-154, 20-156, 20-162p, 20-192, 20-195p, 20-202, 20-
537 206c, 20-227, 20-238, 20-247, 20-263, 20-271, 20-307, 20-341f, 20-363, 20-
538 373, 20-404, 20-414, 21a-55, 21a-190i, 22-7, 22-228, 22-248, 22-254, 22-
539 320d, 22-326a, 22-344b, 22-386, 22a-6b, 22a-7, 22a-16, 22a-30, 22a-34, 22a-
540 53, 22a-60, 22a-62, 22a-63, 22a-66h, 22a-106a, 22a-119, 22a-180, 22a-182a,
541 22a-184, 22a-220a, 22a-220d, 22a-225, 22a-226, 22a-226c, 22a-227, 22a-
542 250, 22a-255l, 22a-276, 22a-310, 22a-342a, 22a-344, 22a-361a, 22a-374, 22a-
543 376, 22a-408, 22a-430, 22a-432, 22a-438, 22a-449f, 22a-449g, 22a-459, 23-
544 5e, 23-65m, 25-32e, 25-36, 28-5, 29-143j, 29-158, 29-161z, 29-323, 30-8, 31-
545 109, 31-249b, 31-266, 31-266a, 31-270, 31-273, 31-284, 31-285, 31-339, 31-
546 355a, 31-379, 35-3c, 35-42, 36a-186, 36a-187, 36a-471a, 36a-494, 36a-587,
547 36a-647, 36a-684, 36a-718, 36a-807, 36b-26, 36b-27, 36b-30, 36b-50, 36b-
548 71, 36b-72, 36b-74, 36b-76, 38a-41, 38a-52, 38a-134, 38a-139, 38a-140, 38a-

549 147, 38a-150, 38a-185, 38a-209, 38a-225, 38a-226b, 38a-241, 38a-337, 38a-
 550 470, 38a-620, 38a-657, 38a-687, 38a-774, 38a-776, 38a-817, 38a-843, 38a-
 551 868, 38a-906, 38a-994, [42-103c,] 42-110d, 42-110k, 42-110p, 42-182, 46a-
 552 56, 46a-100, 47a-21, 49-73, 51-44a, 51-81b, 51-194, 52-146j, 53-392d and
 553 54-211a.

554 Sec. 18. Sections 42-103b to 42-103m, inclusive, of the general statutes
 555 are repealed. (*Effective from passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	20-280(f)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	20-280b
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	20-295b
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	20-305
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	20-306
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	20-308(a)
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	20-314(c)
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	20-330(3)
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	20-337
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	20-377s
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	20-670(5)
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	21a-39
Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	21a-430(a)
Sec. 14	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	42-200(b)
Sec. 15	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	42-202(a)
Sec. 16	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	42-207
Sec. 17	<i>from passage</i>	51-344a(a)
Sec. 18	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the Department of Consumer Protection's recommendations regarding (1) the Board of Accountancy, (2) professional engineers and land surveyors, (3) real estate brokers and real estate salespersons, (4) plumbing and piping work, (5) businesses engaged in providing certain skilled trade work or services, (6) interior designers, (7) adulterated or misbranded foods, beverages and ingredients, (8) donation bins, (9) funeral service contracts, (10)

apartment listing services, and (11) various minor, technical and conforming changes to statutes concerning consumer protection.

[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.]