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Referred to Committee on GENERAL LAW

Introduced by:  
(GL)

***AN ACT CONCERNING MOLD REMEDIATION.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) As used in this section and  
2 sections 2 to 9, inclusive, of this act:

3 (1) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Consumer  
4 Protection;

5 (2) "Department" means the Department of Consumer Protection;

6 (3) "Mold" (A) means any form of multicellular fungi found in water-  
7 damaged indoor environments or water-damaged building materials,  
8 and (B) includes, but is not limited to, Cladosporium, Penicillium,  
9 Alternaria, Aspergillus, Fusarium, Trichoderma, Memnoniella, Mucor  
10 and Stachybotrys chartarum;

11 (4) "Mold remediation" (A) means the removal, cleaning, sanitizing,  
12 demolition or other treatment of mold or mold-contaminated matter in  
13 buildings, (B) includes, but is not limited to, activities intended to  
14 prevent mold or mold contamination in buildings, and (C) does not

15 include any home improvement performed by a contractor, as such  
16 terms are defined in section 20-419 of the general statutes; and

17 (5) "Person" means any individual, association, corporation, limited  
18 liability company, partnership, trust or other legal entity.

19 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) Beginning on January 1,  
20 2027, and except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, no person  
21 shall perform mold remediation in this state for compensation, or use  
22 the title "mold remediator" or display or use any words, letters, figures,  
23 title, sign, advertisement or other device to indicate that such person  
24 performs or offers to perform mold remediation in this state for  
25 compensation, unless such person holds a valid certificate of  
26 registration issued by the Department of Consumer Protection pursuant  
27 to section 3 of this act.

28 (b) No contractor who has obtained a certificate of registration from  
29 the Commissioner of Consumer Protection under chapter 400 of the  
30 general statutes shall be required to obtain a certificate of registration  
31 from the Department of Consumer Protection under section 3 of this act  
32 in order to perform mold remediation in this state for compensation.

33 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) A person seeking to perform  
34 mold remediation in this state for compensation shall register with the  
35 Department of Consumer Protection in a form and manner prescribed  
36 by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection. The department shall not  
37 issue a certificate of registration to any person under this section unless  
38 the person seeking such certificate of registration submits proof to the  
39 department, satisfactory to the commissioner, that such person (1) is  
40 certified as a mold remediation specialist by the Institute of Inspection  
41 Cleaning and Restoration Certification, (2) is certified as a mold  
42 remediator by the National Organization of Remediators and Microbial  
43 Inspectors, or (3) is certified to perform mold remediation by any  
44 organization approved by the commissioner, provided the  
45 commissioner posts notice of such approval and the name of such

46 approved organization on the department's Internet web site.

47 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) A person who holds a valid  
48 certificate of registration issued by the Department of Consumer  
49 Protection pursuant to section 3 of this act shall perform all mold  
50 remediation in this state in accordance with the ANSI/IICRC S520  
51 "Standard for Professional Mold Remediation", or any successor or  
52 revision approved by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection,  
53 provided the commissioner posts notice of such approval and the name  
54 of such approved successor or revision on the department's Internet  
55 web site.

56 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) Beginning not later than  
57 February 1, 2027, the Department of Consumer Protection shall conduct  
58 an ongoing public awareness campaign to assist the public in  
59 understanding the dangers that indoor mold poses to human health and  
60 the importance of removing indoor mold. As part of such campaign, the  
61 department shall, at a minimum, provide:

62 (1) Information concerning the dangers that indoor mold poses to  
63 human health, including, but not limited to, the dangers that the  
64 potentially toxic compounds emitted or produced by indoor mold pose  
65 to human health; and

66 (2) Contact information for persons or other government agencies  
67 that can provide additional information concerning (A) the health  
68 effects of indoor mold, (B) indoor mold testing standards, and (C)  
69 accredited industry standards for the remediation of indoor mold.

70 Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) Not later than February 1,  
71 2027, and every five years thereafter, the Department of Consumer  
72 Protection shall conduct a comprehensive review of recent  
73 developments in the technologies and treatment techniques available to  
74 identify the presence of indoor mold and perform mold remediation.

75 Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) Not later than February 1,

76 2027, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Consumer  
77 Protection shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of  
78 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of  
79 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
80 consumer protection. Each such report shall disclose:

81 (1) Any developments in the scientific evidence concerning the  
82 human health effects associated with the presence of indoor mold;

83 (2) The results of any review performed pursuant to section 6 of this  
84 act during the immediately preceding calendar year;

85 (3) Recommended legislation to establish or amend standards  
86 concerning the training, certification and licensing of persons  
87 performing mold remediation; and

88 (4) Any other information the commissioner deems relevant for the  
89 purposes of such report.

90 Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) The Commissioner of  
91 Consumer Protection shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the  
92 provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement the  
93 provisions of sections 1 to 7, inclusive, of this act.

94 Sec. 9. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) Any violation of sections 2 to  
95 7, inclusive, of this act shall constitute an unfair or deceptive trade  
96 practice for the purposes of subsection (a) of section 42-110b of the  
97 general statutes.

98 Sec. 10. Subsection (a) of section 20-420 of the general statutes is  
99 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
100 *1, 2026*):

101 (a) (1) No person shall hold such person out to be a contractor or  
102 salesperson without first obtaining a certificate of registration from the  
103 commissioner as provided in this chapter, except ~~[(1)]~~ (A) that an  
104 individual or partner, or officer or director of a corporation registered

105 as a contractor shall not be required to obtain a salesperson's certificate,  
106 and [(2)] (B) as provided in subsections (e) and (f) of this section.

107 (2) No certificate shall be given to any person who holds such person  
108 out to be a contractor that performs radon mitigation unless such  
109 contractor provides evidence, satisfactory to the commissioner, that the  
110 contractor is certified as a radon mitigator by the National Radon Safety  
111 Board or the National Environmental Health Association.

112 (3) No certificate shall be given to any person who holds such person  
113 out to be a contractor that performs removal or replacement of any  
114 residential underground heating oil storage tank system unless such  
115 contractor provides evidence, satisfactory to the commissioner, that the  
116 contractor (A) has completed a hazardous material training program  
117 approved by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection,  
118 and (B) has presented evidence of liability insurance coverage of one  
119 million dollars.

120 (4) No certificate shall be given to any person who holds such person  
121 out to be a contractor that performs mold remediation unless such  
122 contractor provides evidence, satisfactory to the commissioner, that the  
123 contractor (A) is certified as a mold remediation specialist by the  
124 Institute of Inspection Cleaning and Restoration Certification, (B) is  
125 certified as a mold remediator by the National Organization of  
126 Remediators and Microbial Inspectors, or (C) is certified to perform  
127 mold remediation by any organization approved by the commissioner,  
128 provided the commissioner posts notice of such approval and the name  
129 of such approved organization on the department's Internet web site.

130 Sec. 11. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) No contractor shall perform  
131 any mold remediation in this state unless such contractor performs such  
132 remediation in accordance with the ANSI/IICRC S520 "Standard for  
133 Professional Mold Remediation", or any successor or revision approved  
134 by the commissioner, provided the commissioner posts notice of such  
135 approval and the name of such approved successor or revision on the

136 department's Internet web site.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 10	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	20-420(a)
Sec. 11	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To (1) require persons performing mold remediation for compensation in the state to register with the Department of Consumer Protection, (2) establish standards for the performance of mold remediation, and (3) provide that no certificate shall be given under the Home Improvement Act to any person who holds such person out to be a contractor that performs mold remediation unless such person provides evidence, satisfactory to the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, that the contractor is certified as a mold remediator.

*[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.]*