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LCO No. 1533



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT

Introduced by:
(GOS)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROCESS AND TIMETABLE FOR THE REVIEW OF EXISTING REGULATIONS OF CONNECTICUT STATE AGENCIES.

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

1 Section 1. Section 4-189i of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

3 (a) Not later than [July 1, 2017, and not later than every seven years
4 thereafter, each committee of cognizance, in consultation with each
5 agency that is within the cognizance of the committee, shall establish the
6 date by which each such agency shall submit a review of its existing
7 regulations and shall notify the administrator of the regulation review
8 committee of each such date and any extension thereof. In establishing
9 such date, or any extension of the date that may be requested by the
10 agency, the committee of cognizance (1) shall consider the volume and
11 complexity of such regulations and the personnel and other resources
12 of the agency that would be available to undertake the review within
13 the agency's available appropriations, and (2) may establish a schedule
14 of dates for the review of various portions of such regulations upon the

15 agreement of the committee of cognizance and the administrative head
16 of the agency.

17 (b) Not later than the date specified by the committee of cognizance
18 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, each such agency shall submit
19 to the committee of cognizance and to the administrator of the
20 regulation review committee] February 1, 2027, (1) (A) the office of the
21 Governor shall prescribe an individual timetable for each agency of the
22 Executive Department that reports to the Governor, and (B) any other
23 agency not in the Executive Department shall prescribe an individual
24 timetable for such agency, to conduct a review of its existing regulations,
25 [which] provided any such individual timetable shall be not later than
26 every seven years, and (2) the office of the Governor shall notify the
27 regulation review committee and the joint standing committee of the
28 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to government
29 oversight of each such individual timetable. Any such review of existing
30 regulations shall include, but need not be limited to: [(1)] (A) The
31 agency's recommendations on how it may substantially reduce the
32 number and length of its existing regulations; [(2)] (B) the agency's
33 determination of whether each of its existing regulations [(A)] (i) is
34 obsolete, [(B)] (ii) has not been used within the preceding seven years,
35 [(C)] (iii) is inconsistent with any provision of the general statutes,
36 federal law or any regulation adopted under the general statutes or
37 federal law, [(D)] (iv) has been the subject of written complaints, and
38 [(E)] (v) is otherwise no longer effective; and [(3)] (C) the agency's
39 recommendation, if any, regarding any extraordinary circumstances in
40 which waivers from its existing regulations may be appropriate.

41 (c) Not later than the specified initial submission date for the
42 completion of such review determined pursuant to subsection (a) of this
43 section, and, thereafter, the reoccurring scheduled timetable prescribed
44 individually by the office of the Governor or the agency, as applicable,
45 each agency shall submit a summary of the results of the review
46 conducted under subsection (a) of this section to the administrator of
47 the regulation review committee, the committee of cognizance and the

48 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
49 matters relating to government oversight, in accordance with the
50 provisions of section 11-4a.

51 [(c)] (d) Upon receipt of an agency's [review] summary of the results
52 of its review, the committee of cognizance [shall] may schedule a public
53 hearing, which, if applicable, shall be held not later than ninety days
54 following such receipt. The committee of cognizance shall make copies
55 of the [review] summary available to the public at least fifteen days prior
56 to [the] any hearing.

57 [(d)] (e) Following the public hearing, if applicable: (1) The committee
58 of cognizance may request the agency to initiate the process under
59 chapter 54 to carry out a recommendation of the agency under
60 subsection [(b)] (a) of this section to amend or repeal an existing
61 regulation which, in the determination of the committee of cognizance,
62 does not require the enactment of authorizing legislation, and (2) the
63 committee of cognizance shall consider any recommendation by the
64 agency under subsection [(b)] (a) of this section which, in the
65 determination of the committee of cognizance, would require the
66 enactment of authorizing legislation.

67 [(e)] (f) If an agency fails to submit a summary of the results of the
68 review of its regulations to the committee of cognizance, [and] the
69 administrator of the regulation review committee and the joint standing
70 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
71 relating to government oversight as required by subsection (b) of this
72 section or if the committee of cognizance determines that the agency has
73 not conducted a satisfactory review of its regulations as required by
74 [said] subsection (a) of this section, the committee of cognizance may:
75 (1) Conduct a review of the existing regulations of the agency, as
76 described in subsection [(b)] (a) of this section, (2) request the agency to
77 initiate the process under chapter 54 to carry out a recommendation of
78 the committee of cognizance pursuant to such review to amend or
79 repeal an existing regulation which, in the determination of the

80 committee of cognizance, does not require the enactment of authorizing
81 legislation, and (3) introduce legislation to authorize the agency to
82 amend or repeal existing regulations. If the agency fails to initiate the
83 process to amend or repeal an existing regulation pursuant to
84 subdivision (2) of this subsection, the committee of cognizance may
85 introduce legislation requiring the agency to initiate such process.

86 Sec. 2. Subdivision (3) of section 4-189h of the general statutes is
87 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
88 *1, 2026*):

89 (3) "Existing regulation" means a regulation that was adopted by an
90 agency no later than one year prior to the scheduled date of review, as
91 provided in subsection [(b)] (a) of section 4-189i, as amended by this act;

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	4-189i
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	4-189h(3)

Statement of Purpose:

To make modifications to the process for reviewing agency regulations to determine whether they are obsolete, inconsistent or ineffective and change the deadlines for such review.

[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.]